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New forms of synthetic marijuana are banned

By Bruce Schreiner
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear stepped up the fight against synthetic drugs on Tuesday by signing emergency regulations banning new forms of synthetic marijuana.

The action is aimed at people trying to avoid arrest by tweaking drugs that mimic the highs of marijuana, the governor said.

"This measure lets us keep pace with backyard chemists who try to skirt the law by manipulating the formulas of dangerous substances," Beshear said in a statement in Frankfort. "And it gives us the tools to respond to threats as soon as they are identified."

It's the first time an administrative regulation has been used in Kentucky to outlaw synthetic substances, Beshear's office said.

In the past, Kentucky lawmakers have passed laws banning such drugs, but using regulations allows the state to be more nimble in the fight, officials said. Beshear's newly signed regulations take effect immediately.

Synthetic drugs, made of legal chemicals, mimic the effects of cocaine, methamphetamine and other controlled substances.

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An anxious moment



ABOVE: Odalys Dominguez, 15 months, right, fixes her eyes on Santa as she and sister Yosselin Dominguez, 4, get their picture made at the Early Learning Center's Winter Fest event Saturday morning. Kids and parents alike took part in several activities, including snow cones, a cookie and tea room, a used book sale and a winter wonderland room.

RIGHT: Nya Watson, 4, gets her picture taken by Early Learning Center teacher Amber Stone during the center's Winter Fest event Saturday morning. School principal Aleisha Sheridan said this first year of the school's operation has been wonderful. She said events like Winter Fest help to create a sense of belonging and involvement of not only the children but also moms, fathers and grandparents.



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Wood pile near Road Garage being abused

Some exceeding size restrictions on dumping

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Henderson County officials are trying to figure out a way to stop people from abusing that huge wood pile near the Road Garage.

One idea is closing off access during weekends, but Judge-executive Hugh McCormick's not too wild about that idea.

Henderson Fiscal Court took action on the issue Tuesday by authorizing seeking bids for buying a new wood chipper. The current one is too small and about 13 years old.

Road Supervisor Kerry Dame said the wood pile grew enormously after the huge ice storm that hit in late January of 2009, but that progress has been made with converting much of it into mulch.

"Some of the wood we're having to haul to the landfill because of the size of it," he said. "We put a sign up there saying anything over 4 inches is prohibited, but without

us having someone back there to police that area it's virtually impossible to stop it."

"That sounds awful expensive to me to haul it off to the landfill," said Magistrate Charles Alexander, who advocated burning the unwanted wood.

Dame and County Engineer Bill Hubiak said burning the larger logs could prove a problem. Dame said that big a fire is going to create a lot of heat because the wood is so dry. "When that wood catches on fire there is no slowing it down."

"We've never had a fire truck out there" during previous big burns, Hubiak said. "But of course we've never had the pile that big."

"It's a mess the way things have been thrown in there," said McCormick. "Some of them are putting logs in there two or three feet around. It's being abused bad. I think we've even got some people in the tree business" dump-

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Cerberus to sell gun-making company

Sporting goods chain to quit selling military rifles

By Joshua Freed and Michelle Chapman
Associated Press

The company that makes one of the weapons used to kill elementary school children in Connecticut is being put up for sale by its owner, which called Friday's tragedy a "watershed event" in the debate over gun control.

The private-equity group Cerberus Capital Management said Tuesday it will sell its controlling stake in Freedom Group International, the maker of Bushmaster rifles. Investors also continued to bail out of other gun-makers while the retailer



ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Bushmaster AR-15 semi-automatic rifle and ammunition are seen on display at the Seattle Police headquarters in Seattle. The maker of the Bushmaster rapid-fire weapon used to kill schoolchildren in Connecticut on Friday was put up for sale Tuesday.

Dick's Sporting Goods said it would stop selling military-style rifles.

The activity comes as the political winds appear to be shifting. Some Republicans now say they're willing to discuss the issue of gun control — along with mental health issues and violent video games,

Cerberus cobbled Freedom Group together by buying Bushmaster, Remington, and other well-known gun brands starting in 2006. On Friday, a gunman using what is believed to have been a Bushmaster military-style rifle killed 26 people at Sandy Hook Elementary School in one

of the worst mass shootings in U.S. history.

"It is apparent that the Sandy Hook tragedy was a watershed event that has raised the national debate on gun control to an unprecedented level," Cerberus wrote in announcing the planned sale. Cerberus owned 95 percent of Freedom Group, according to a year-end 2011 filing for the gunmaker on its website.

Freedom Group said it's the largest firearms manufacturer in the U.S. It sold 1.1 million rifles and shotguns last year, along with 2 billion rounds of ammunition. Its products are sold to law enforcement and military customers, as well as retailers who sell them to hunters and gun enthusiasts.

The so-called Assault Weapons Ban that expired in 2004 restricted the sale of some types of guns like

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Henderson Fiscal Court is hoping to buy 7.8 acres behind the Henderson County Detention Center in order to increase security at the jail.

The court went into executive session Tuesday and upon emerging voted unanimously to authorize Judge-executive Hugh McCormick and Jailer Ron Herrington to negotiate a price with Dannlin LLC, the current owner of the property.

"For security reasons we feel we need to tie that down," McCormick said.

The property runs between Canoe Creek on the south to the end of Borax Drive on the north.

The length of the property is being taken up by a 150-foot wide utility easement, but the remainder adjoins the jail's garden

area. McCormick said Herrington and other jail officials fear that contraband could be smuggled to a spot near the jail where it could be accessed by inmates if the county does not control the property.

Other matters before fiscal court on Tuesday included:

Finley sewers: County Engineer Bill Hubiak said the county has finally received the easements for Finley Addition sewer project but he still needs to get signatures from property owners, which he will be doing after Jan. 1. "We missed a golden opportunity with such a dry summer to get that project done, but that's one of those things we couldn't control."

January meetings: The court set its meeting schedule next month to ac-

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Teacher sole heir of \$7.4M gold fortune

By Scott Sonner
Associated Press

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Walter Samaszko Jr. was a loner whose death went largely unnoticed. That all changed when a crew sent to clean out his house found a fortune stashed away in the garage of his modest ranch-style home.

There were ammunition boxes stuffed with thousands of gold coins, from Austria, Mexico and the United States. There was enough gold to fill up two wheelbarrows — more than \$7.4 million worth.

"There was every kind of coin you could think of," said Alan Glover, the Carson City clerk and the public administrator of the estate who borrowed a neighbor's

wheelbarrow to haul the treasure out.

City officials searched through records to find an heir: a substitute teacher in the San Francisco Bay Area who a judge declared Tuesday was Samaszko's lone surviving first cousin.

The decision means Arlene Magdanz of San Rafael, Calif., is a millionaire. She didn't attend the hearing and, so far, has not said anything publicly about her newfound fortune.

Officials were able to track her down using a funeral bulletin at Samaszko's home that led to his father's service in Chicago in the early 1960s, and then newspaper clippings that listed survivors.

When a lawyer told her that her

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Full forecast, **8B**



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TAKE NOTE

Park closed for holidays

Audubon State Park will be closed to the public for the Christmas holiday from this Saturday through Dec. 28. According to Business Manager Beth Tompkins, the gates at the front of the park will be closed. No hiking, golfing or sightseeing will be allowed during the closing period. "It's a serious safety hazard for people to (enter the park while closed) as there is no one at the park and no way for emergency vehicles to get in if there was an issue," Tompkins said. The park will reopen Dec. 29.

Deaths

Mary Alice “Dump” Gilbert

Mary Alice “Dump” Gilbert, 77, Henderson, went home to be with the Lord at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012, at her home.

She was born Feb. 17, 1935, in Henderson, the daughter of the late Virgil and Mattie Cosby Turner.

She received her education at the Henderson County Training School and Douglass High School. She was well-known for her chess pies.

Mary gave her life to Christ at an early age. She was a member of New Race Creek Baptist Church and served as secretary of the Usher Board for 45 years, chair of the pastor's anniversary for more than 37 years, a member of the choir for more than 12 years and was a member of the Mother's Board.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 31 years, Thurman “Pete” Gilbert; one daughter, Marietta Gilbert; her parents, Virgil and Mattie Turner; four sisters, Mary B., Lucille, Helen and Margaret; one brother, Robert Lee Turner; and one grandson, Traun Haygan.

She leaves to cherish his fond memories, two daughters, Georgia Robards and her husband, the Rev. Steve, and Nicole Black and her husband, James, both of Henderson; 10 sons, James Green and his wife, Shirley, Terry Hagan and his wife, Pam, Jerry Hagan and his wife, Terry, Kenneth Haygan and his wife, Aundrea, Tracey Haygan and his wife, Cindy, Kacey Haygan and his wife, Elizabeth, all of Henderson, David Haygan and his wife, Edna, of San Diego, Ca., Jonathan Haygan and his wife, Annette, of Columbia, Ind., the Rev. Stacey Haygan and his wife, Nedra, of Owensboro and Keith Haygan of Bowling Green; three stepdaughters, Mary Gilbert, Carolyn Young and her husband, Darrell, and Mildred Cleo Gilbert, all of Henderson; five stepsons, Thurman Gilbert Jr. and his wife, Patricia, John Gilbert, George Gilbert Sr. and his wife, Rosezella, David Gilbert and his wife, Amber, all of Henderson, and Clifford Gilbert of Evansville; two sisters, Rosa Lee Jackson and Jeanette McGuire and her husband, Charles, both of Henderson; two brothers, Virgil Turner and his wife, Debra, of Henderson and Ben Turner of Evansville; one sister-in-law, Juanita Turner of Henderson; more than 30 grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; and four generations of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Seventh Street Baptist Church in Henderson. The Rev. Lynn Owens will officiate. Burial will be in Fernwood Cemetery.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. Friday at New Race Creek



Baptist Church in Henderson, where wake services will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Durwood Louis Brown

Durwood Louis Brown, 80, Henderson, passed away at 12:05 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, 2012, at his home while he was sleeping.

Durwood was of the Baptist faith and a member of Audubon Baptist Church from the time he was a small boy. He was one of 12 children, six boys and six girls. Durwood worked as a carpenter all his life after graduating high school.

Mr. Brown was preceded in death by his parents, Lee and Anna Brown; four sisters, Pearl Coffman, Bessie Justice, Magdalene Byrne and Florence Brown; and four brothers, Sam Brown, Russell Brown, Gus Brown and Edward Brown.

Survivors include two sisters, Elizabeth Tooley of St. Louis and Mary Walsh of Owensboro; one brother, Leroy Brown of Henderson; nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Benton-Glunt Funeral Home. Burial will be in Fernwood Cemetery.

Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. today and after 9 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at www.benton-glunt.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt Funeral Home, A Life Celebration Home.



Rosella Peyton Capps

MADISONVILLE—Rosella Peyton Capps, 75, Madisonville, died at 2:25 a.m. Monday, Dec. 17, 2012, at her home.

She was a homemaker and a member of Nebo Baptist Church in Nebo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hubert Capps, who died Dec. 17, 2008; and her parents, Pearl and Lloyd Peyton.

Survivors include two daughters, Michelle Johnson of Madisonville and Allison Farmer of Providence; one son, Kenny Capps of Madisonville; two brothers, Loyd Edward Peyton of Detroit and Baby Peyton of Madisonville; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Harris Funeral Home in Madisonville. Pastor Terry Rhye will officiate. Burial will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Madisonville.

Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday and after 9 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Fire runs

Sunday City

■ 5:27 p.m. — Vehicle accident with injuries, 1905 U.S. 41-North, returned at 6:37 p.m.

Monday County

■ 9:42 a.m. — Field fire, 5269 Housebridge Road, Corydon Civil Defense and Poole VFD, returned at 10:08 a.m.

■ 4:06 p.m. — Grass fire, 15724 Bluff City Road, Hebbardsville VFD and Henderson City-County Rescue Squad, returned at 4:48 p.m.

■ 5:33 p.m. — Brush fire, Stratman Road, Bas-

kett, Zion, Spottsville and Reed VFDs, still ongoing at presstime.

Tuesday City

■ 7:49 p.m. — Smell of gas in home, 122 Rankin Ave., still out at press time

■ 7:58 p.m. — Dumpster fire, 2150 U.S. 60-East, still out at press time

County

■ 4:21 p.m. — Smoke in area, Country Club Drive, Baskett VFD, returned at 4:39 p.m.

■ 5:21 p.m. — Fire in woods behind home, 1962 Springfield Drive, Corydon Civil Defense, Smith Mills VFD, returned at 5:54 p.m.

Funerals

Carolyn Louise Simpson

Memorial services for Carolyn Louise Simpson, 65, Clay, who died Sunday, will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Vanover Funeral Home in Clay. Brother Paul Ware will officiate.

Friends may call after 6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Brevities

Niagara Elementary School site-based decision-making council meeting, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, school media center.

Former Kusan and Aeroquip employees breakfast meeting, 8 a.m.

today, Eastgate Family Restaurant.

Henderson United Democratic Women's Club meeting on Thursday canceled due to illness; it will be re-scheduled.

Public record

The following information is based on public records from local and area law enforcement agencies and/or court systems:

HENDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

■ Chasity D. Caine, 26, 3900 section of Kentucky 266, was arrested Monday night on two warrants for contempt of court. The warrants allege that Caine violated pre-trial release and failed to appear in court on charges of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and being a second-degree persistent felony offender.

She was lodged at the Henderson County Detention Center without bond.

HENDERSON CIRCUIT COURT

■ David A. Lindsey II, 33, address unavailable, pleaded guilty to first-degree trafficking in a controlled

substance. He was sentenced to five years.

■ Heather N. Culver, 28, 600 block of Eighth Street, pleaded guilty Monday to first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (more than 2 grams) and first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (less than 2 grams). Sentencing is Jan. 22.

■ Christopher L. Rideout, 32, 1200 block of Mulberry Lane, pleaded guilty Monday to driving on a DUI suspended license while driving under the influence, (second or more offense), amended from third offense, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, driving under the influence (third offense), possession of marijuana and failure to maintain insurance. A charge of rear license plate not illuminated was dismissed. He was granted pre-trial diversion, supervised, for five years

on several conditions, including that he complete a treatment program. If he doesn't fulfill the conditions of the diversion program, he could face three years in prison.

■ Michael Brown, 28, Morganfield, was sentenced Monday to seven years for second-degree assault.

■ Cody B. Samples, 18, 2000 block of Adams Lane, was sentenced Monday to five years for third-degree burglary and five years for theft under \$10,000. Sentences are to run consecutively.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Those charged with crimes are considered innocent until they are found guilty in a court of law. Every effort is made by this newspaper to report the final disposition of each case. In the event we fail to do so, a call to our newsroom, 827-2000, will prompt a background check on those cases and, if necessary, a published report on the final disposition.

Letter questioning safety closes schools

PADUCAH — A letter sent to The Paducah Sun and shared with law enforcement questioning safety at a high school has led officials to close it and an attached middle school.

The Paducah Sun (<http://bit.ly/TuHhsq>) reports that school and law enforcement officials made a joint decision to close Reidland High School and Reidland Middle School on Tuesday after reviewing the letter, which was apparently written by a student.

“Someone who sits in class with us, who has brought weapons twice ... has yet to be punished for anything,” the letter states. It did not include any specific threat, but said the other student had plotted sites to attack around the campus and questioned why rules haven't been enforced.

The newspaper turned the contents of the letter over to police.

It declined to release the name of the author, saying the student wished to re-

main unnamed.

McCracken County Sheriff Jon Hayden conferred with school officials and a local prosecutor before the joint decision was made to close the high school.

“It was decided for the safety of the students, that school will be cancelled and the school will not be in session until the threat has been adequately investigated,” Hayden wrote on the McCracken County Sheriff's Department Facebook page. “The clo-

sure includes the Reidland Middle School only as an extra precaution due to the two school buildings being attached.”

Information from: The Paducah Sun, <http://www.paducahsun.com>

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Family calls for end of ‘initiation rituals’ after student’s death

The Associated Press

About half of the 22 fraternity members charged with hazing after a pledge died following a night of heavy drinking in Illinois had turned themselves in as of Tuesday night, police said.

Members of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity were charged after an investigation into the Nov. 2 death of NIU freshman David Bogenberger, 19. He was found unresponsive at the fraternity house in DeKalb, the community about 65 miles west of Chicago that's home to Northern Illinois University.

The DeKalb County Coroner's Office said toxicology results found his blood alcohol content was about five times the legal limit for driving.

Police Lt. Jason Leverton said the DeKalb Police Department has seen other hazing incidents in the past, but they typically have involved a handful of people suspected of hazing one or two others.

He said this case was different because of the number of people — both pledges and fraternity members — believed to have been involved.

“This is something we haven't quite seen before,” Leverton said.

The coroner ruled Bogenberger's cause of death was cardiac arrhythmia, with alcohol intoxication as a contributing cause.

The DeKalb Police Department said its investigation found about 19 pledges, including Bogenberger, attended the Nov. 1 event. Police said the event was referred to as “Parent's Night” because pledges were assigned “Greek dads and moms” — upperclassmen and women from the fraternity and associated sororities — who served as mentors.

Several pledges besides Bogenberger reported getting sick and passing out, according to police.

“The event that night involved the pledges rotating between several rooms in the fraternity house, being asked a series of questions, and then being provided cups of vodka and other liquor to drink,” police said in a statement.

Five men face charges of felony hazing; police say those men were most involved in the planning of the event.

The 17 others face misdemeanor hazing charges.

In a statement Monday, Bogenberger's family called on college administrators and fraternity officials to help put an end to hazing and other “initiation rituals.”

Louisville native to host SNL

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE—Louisville native Jennifer Lawrence, whose starring role in “Silver Linings Playbook” has drawn nominations for Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild awards this month, will host “Saturday Night Live” when it returns in January after the holidays.

The 22-year-old actress has not previously hosted the NBC comedy show. “Saturday Night Live” announced her appearance will be Jan. 19.

Lawrence also portrayed Katniss Everdeen in the hit “The Hunger Games” this year and won acclaim for her role in the 2010 film, “Winter's Bone.”

Lotteries

KENTUCKY

Cash Ball: 3-9-19-33
Cash ball: 27
Kicker: 0-4-3-0-0
5 Card Cash: 7S-QS-8C-AC-5S
Pick 4-midday: 1-1-3-0
Pick 4-evening: 6-8-0-2
Pick 3-midday: 6-7-2
Pick 3-evening: 6-9-2
Powerball jackpot: \$50 million

INDIANA

Cash 5: 19-23-26-30-33
Daily 4-midday: 3-0-8-3
Daily 4-evening: 2-1-5-9
Daily 3-midday: 2-7-8
Daily 3-evening: 0-8-9
Lotto jackpot: \$1 million

ILLINOIS

Little Lotto: 1-2-8-29-36
Pick 4-midday: 0-7-5-3
Pick 4-evening: 8-2-9-3
Pick 3-midday: 7-8-5
Pick 3-evening: 6-9-5
My 3-midday: 6-9-4
My 3-evening: 5-2-6
Lotto jackpot: \$2 million

MEGA MILLIONS

Numbers: 1-6-7-18-29
Mega Ball: 16
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Ex-military contractor pleads not guilty to fraud

■ Accused allegedly wrote federal contracts for personal financial gain

By Brett Barrouquere
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE—A former military contractor pleaded not guilty Tuesday to writing a federal contract and creating a job with a private company at Fort Knox that ultimately worked to his financial benefit.

The contractor, 65-year-old Gary T. Meredith of Leitchfield, also faces a civil suit from the federal government that, like the indictment, accuses him of manipulating an energy conservation contract to his benefit. Prosecutors say Meredith steered hundreds of thousands of military contracting dollars

to his own company in an effort to create a lucrative retirement for himself.

Prosecutors say Meredith made \$653,428 for his work as a subcontractor on a deal he helped write on behalf of the government with Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative.

U.S. Magistrate Judge James Moyer released Meredith without bond after arraignment in federal court in Louisville. A trial is set for Feb. 13. “The court sees no reason he would represent a risk of flight,” Moyer said.

Meredith is charged with committing acts affecting his personal financial interest and eight counts of wire fraud.

Meredith worked from 1987 through 2007 as the energy program director at Fort Knox, with the job of finding ways for the military post to conserve energy. From 1996 on, Fort Knox worked with Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative on the program. Meredith retired as a civilian employee with the U.S. Army in August 2007 and immediately went to work for Nolin, using the same office and computer at Fort Knox he had while serving in the military.

Two years earlier, Meredith created and signed a deal creating an energy savings program and sent the request for proposal to Nolin. The Army awarded the \$2 million deal to Nolin in October 2007, with Meredith and his company, Meredith & Co., making \$200,000 off of the contract

he created.

Federal prosecutors say Meredith spent nearly two years negotiating with Nolin before retirement and had been talking with the company about a job when he wrote the contract and took the position he ultimately created.

In court, Meredith declined to specifically address the charges. He answered “Yes, your honor” to questions from Moyer about his legal rights, but otherwise stood mute next to his attorney, Roger Rigney of Elizabethtown.

Defense Criminal Investigator Jared Camper wrote in an affidavit that, in September 2006, Meredith orchestrated an illegal payment of \$582,329 to Nolin to fund his future job with the company. The money should have gone to LG&E, a utility that had been working with Fort Knox on the

energy savings program at the time. Three months later, while still working for the government, Meredith founded Gary Meredith & Associates, the entity he later used to obtain the job at Fort Knox on subcontract from Nolin. Fort Knox officials didn't become involved in creating what would become Meredith's job until December 2006.

When Nolin advertised the job at Fort Knox in September 2007, only Meredith applied. Nolin's Vice President of Operations, Vince Heuser, told Camper that he told Meredith about the advertisement, which had been placed to make the job look legitimate, but didn't notify anyone else.

Nolin paid Meredith \$653,428 for the job between Oct. 16, 2007 and Aug. 29, 2011.

Tearing down the (fire) house



A track hoe from Viera Brothers Excavation tears down the old Fire Station 4 on U.S. 41-Alternate Tuesday. The station was replaced with new Fire Station 4 on South Green Street to make way for a Vectren Corp. high voltage power line.

WSN to broadcast Christmas radio play

Gleaner staff

The local Christmas radio play “From The Heart” by AJ Casey and Megan Mortis will be broadcast in its entirety on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The play on WSON radio (860AM and 96.5FM) will air at 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. both days.

The original radio play, which is produced, acted, written and directed by local people, has been playing in serial format since the first week of December.

“The basic theme is: What's the perfect gift to give during the holidays,” Casey said. “I think our

characters find out that the best gift that you can give somebody is just being with your loved ones and sharing your love and making sure that you know that they love you.”

There are eight main roles played by Bonnie Bartley, Adam Casey, AJ Casey, Brenna Clevenger, Walt Dickinson, Megan Mortis, Merrill Punke, Viq Thomasson, Bill Stevens and Cara Wesner.

There also are 13 smaller roles featuring voices familiar to those who listen to the radio, including Rick and Judy Chandler, Bob Park, Joanne Branson, Kyle Arnett and Danielle Crafton.

Briefs

HCC application deadline Jan. 7

Henderson Community College has set an application deadline of Jan. 7 for anyone interested in enrolling in regular semester credit classes for the spring semester.

The free application may be accessed, completed, and submitted online at www.henderson.kctcs.edu.

Click on Admissions > Ways to Apply > Apply Online. Students who were not enrolled in the fall semester but have attended HCC previously and plan to enroll in spring semester credit classes must submit a new application.

Registration for the spring semester will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m. Jan. 9. Applications must be received no later than Jan. 7 and applicants must have completed all other admissions requirements prior to registration.

Visit the HCC website at www.henderson.kctcs.edu for the free online application or call 831-9652 or 800-696-9958 for more information.

HCC announces its holiday hours

Henderson Community College will be closed starting Monday and continuing through Jan. 4.

According to a news release from the college,

some partner offices may be open, including the bookstore. The public is advised to check with specific offices before visiting.

All offices will reopen on Jan. 7, with classes resuming Jan. 14.

Lake Barkley airport reopens

The Lake Barkley State Resort Airport near Cadiz reopened to all air traffic on Tuesday afternoon, according to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Crews closed the airstrip in October to complete runway resurfacing.

Lawmaker wants school safety study

FRANKFORT — An eastern Kentucky lawmaker says the state needs to study whether it can put armed officers and metal detectors in all of Kentucky's 1,245 public schools in the wake of the Connecticut school shootings.

State Rep. Richard Henderson, D-Mount Sterling, on Monday said he will form a task force to look into the matter.

Last week, Jon Akers, director of the Kentucky Center for School Safety said there are 221 public schools in the state with on-site school resource officers.

Such officers are trained to work with youths in a school setting.

Staff and wire reports

Three Evansville police officers injured in collision

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Three Evansville police officers were evaluated for concussion-like symptoms after a crash involving two department squad cars late Monday night.

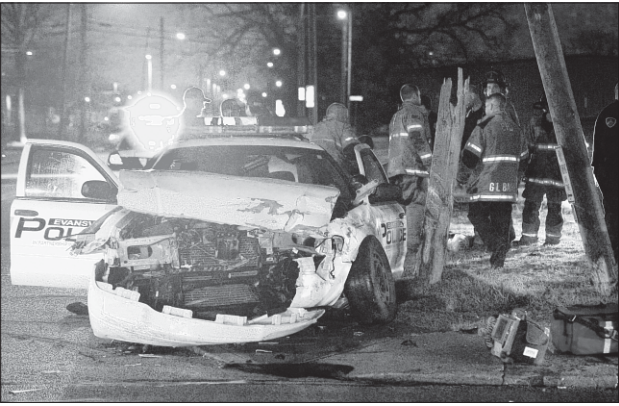
All three officers were released from Deaconess Hospital by Tuesday morning.

Both vehicles were responding to an apparent accidental shooting in the 300 block of South Bedford Avenue and had their lights and sirens engaged, according to Sgt. Jason Cullum, a spokesman for the department, when they collided in the intersection of Sycamore and Governor Streets at 10:09 p.m.

A vehicle transporting an apparent victim from the incident was also involved in a separate, unrelated crash at Garvin and Walnut streets at 10:05 p.m.

Cullum said the shooting case is still under investigation, but police believe it was an accident. The victim, a juvenile male suffered nonlife threatening injuries, according to Cullum.

The police car crash involved one of the department's older white cars, a 2005 Ford Crown Victoria,



One of two Evansville Police Department squad cars involved in an accident at the corner of East Sycamore and South Governor streets sits where it came to rest near a wooden utility pole that snapped into two pieces late Monday night. Three police officers were transported to area hospitals where they were evaluated and then released Tuesday morning.

with two officers inside; and one of the newer black 2011 Crown Victorias that had one officer.

The two officers inside the white car were identified as 35-year-old Mark Decamps, the driver, and Cameron Werne, 24. The driver of the other vehicle was listed as Adam Will, 28.

A police reconstructionist was called to the scene Monday night and the crash remains under investigation. Investigators also noted that they believe a stop sign stopping eastbound traffic on Sycamore Street at the intersection was knocked

over before the crash. Cullum said that investigators believe that played a “major role” in the crash, but that the investigation is still ongoing.

On Tuesday, Cullum said he misspoke during an interview Monday night with a Courier & Press reporter at the crash scene — after the paper's print deadline. Because the reconstructionist was on scene, Cullum told the reporter that both Decamps and Will were tested for the presence of alcohol or drugs, though there was no evidence to suggest either played a factor in the crash.

Though it's protocol to have such testing during any crash that involves a serious injury or fatality, Cullum said Monday night's wreck never fit that classification. Instead, the reconstructionist was called out because the crash was a “city liability” situation, he said on Tuesday.

According to the crash report, both cars' air bags deployed. Decamps appeared to have received the most severe injury and could not remember who was driving the vehicle when asked by investigators. Both Werne and Will were treated for facial injuries as well that required staples or stitches, according to the report.

Cullum said that the fact that the department's officers collectively drive hundreds of miles per day in their patrol cars makes crashes inevitable. But he said Monday's wreck “hit home” for many officers.

“This is hard for us,” he acknowledged Monday night. “We don't want to see our officers hurt like this.”

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Editorial

Americans strapped by increasing cost of health insurance

Health coverage remains a major drag on wages and jobs. The average total cost to provide health insurance to a family of four through an employer topped \$15,000 last year, according to a report released last week.

By the end of the decade, if current trends continue, that tab could be \$25,000. The analysis from the nonprofit Commonwealth Fund found that premiums have gone up 62 percent since 2003, while median family income rose just 11 percent during the same period.

"It's real money," said Commonwealth senior vice president Cathy Schoen, who led the team that compiled the report from surveys of employers and Census data.

The average worker shelled out nearly \$4,000 on family premiums last year, an increase of 74 percent since 2003. Yet deductibles, co-pays and other out-of-pocket costs families have to pick up keep rising. Deductibles went up 117 percent during the eight years studied, even worse for people working in firms with less than 50 employees.

The increased load carried by companies offering insurance also soaks up pay raises and gives a strong disincentive to hire more workers.

Federal health reform — the Affordable Care Act — is supposed to not just expand coverage, but lower the cost of health insurance with rules intended to cut overhead and make care more cost-effective. Some changes, like keeping administrative costs below 20 percent, have already taken effect, but most provisions require some time to have much effect.

American working families strapped by this runaway expense can only hope the reforms and other measures reign in the growth in costs sooner than later, while doing their best to wisely manage their share of health expenses.

LETTERS

Judy Chandler, Executive Director
Volunteer and Information Center

VIC always working to improve quality of life

This letter is being submitted in regard to the letter appearing on the Saturday opinion page by Mr. James Nichols.

The facts in this situation are as follows:

Mr. Nichols sent a letter to the United Way office stating his family's financial situation. The letter was brought to the Volunteer and Information Center.

Because his family had received assistance a couple of years ago through the VIC Adopt a Family program, a member of the family would have to attend the Bank on Henderson class before receiving assistance from the VIC. This is a free, one-hour class at the United Way office that deals with financial management. Mr. Nichols elected not to complete that class.

The VIC uses the 150 percent Federal Poverty Level guidelines to determine an individual's eligibility and will make an exception when unforeseen circumstances are presented. Mr. Nichols never entered the VIC office to check on his situation.

For more than 20 years the Volunteer and Information Center Inc. has been assisting those in need in the Henderson community through our programs and services. We take pride in what we have been able to offer these individuals and how we have been able to improve their quality of life.

Please feel free to stop by our office located at 125 First St. and let us share with you all the good work that the VIC has been able to accomplish with the help of the generous citizens of Henderson.

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The connections are getting closer in six degrees of separation game

There is a concept called six degrees of separation — the notion that everyone is six or fewer acquaintances away from everyone else in the world. In other words, you know somebody who knows somebody who knows somebody, etc.

This notion is most famously exhibited in a parlor game called "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon." Mr. Bacon is an actor who has appeared in so many movies — from "Animal House" to "Apollo 13" — that he supposedly can be linked within six steps to anyone who has ever worked in the Hollywood film industry.

You think he can't be associated with, say, Charlie Chaplin? How about this: Charles Chaplin wrote and directed "A Countess from Hong Kong" in 1967; Tippi Hedren appeared in that movie as well as this year's "Jayne Mansfield's Car," which starred Kevin Bacon. That's just two degrees of separation.

Well, by virtue of the column that appeared here last week, I am now separated by just one degree from Garrison Keillor, the host of my favorite broadcast program.

Keillor is the creator, host and star of the live public radio variety show "A Prairie Home Companion." As I wrote last week, Donna and I saw the "Prairie Home" show performed at The Town Hall in New York City during a holiday trip there last year.

That column prompted Hendersonian Polly Mulligan to call last week. She graduated from Barret Manual Training High School in 1947 with Evelyn (Shetterly) Hane, who now lives in Manhattan.

Evelyn called Polly in late November and asked, "Can you get 'A Prairie Home Companion'?" My son is playing in it Saturday night."

Evelyn's son, Daniel, 48, is a professional bassoonist in New York. Hane plays principal bassoon with the Bronx Opera and

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the Orchestra of the Bronx, and plays second bassoon with the Tri-Cities Opera in Binghamton, N.Y. He also freelances with a variety of opera companies, symphony orchestras, choral societies and chamber groups. He's played in France, Austria, Portugal and Bavaria.

But while he often listens to the show, Hane had never performed on "A Prairie Home Companion."

Then, on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, his cell-phone rang. The caller said she was with the "Prairie Home" show and was looking for a bassoonist.

"At first, I thought I was being punked," Hane said.

But in fact, logistics manager Debra Beck and broadcast engineer/talent producer Sam Hudson were searching for someone in New York to play the contrabassoon on the Dec. 1 radio show at The Town Hall. They had tracked down Hane through an acquaintance of an acquaintance — a sort of Six Degrees of Daniel Hane.

As it turns out, composer and music satirist Peter Schickele (known for creating the fictitious composer P.D.Q. Bach) was scheduled to appear on the show with the "Semi-Pro Musica Antiqua" to present "a suite for six gig-impaired musicians." Those are people who play what Keillor characterized as "neglected instruments": the Chinese gong, E-flat clarinet, baritone saxophone, piccolo, English horn — and the contrabassoon.

The bassoon is a double-reeded woodwind instrument that resembles a bazooka with a mouthpiece attached. "It handles the

bass line of the woodwind section," which also includes instruments such as flutes, oboes and clarinets, Hane explained. "It's used quite often as a solo instrument."

Its cousin, the contrabassoon, is a fearsome-looking instrument — a sort of oversized upside-down saxophone.

"It's the largest and lowest woodwind instrument you'll see in an orchestra," Hane said.

Understandably, he is respectful toward the contrabassoon. Giuseppe Verdi wrote parts for it in his opera "Don Carlo," he said. Beethoven and Brahms included it in some of their symphonies.

"Richard Strauss used it for some pretty eerie operas such as 'Elektra' and 'Salome,'" Hane said.

But, he acknowledged, "It's an eerie-sounding instrument so it's not used a lot."

On Dec. 1, "A Prairie Home Companion" needed someone to play a contrabassoon ... in a medley of Christmas songs.

Daniel Hane said yes.

Although "Prairie Home" takes music seriously — it features performers ranging from opera soprano Renée Fleming to the Nashville string band Old Crow Medicine Show — the "Semi-Pro Musica Antiqua" bit was played for comic effect, featuring a somewhat oddball assembly of instruments performed, Keillor claimed, by "musicians who hadn't had a call all year."

"You have to get out of your classically trained skin a bit," Hane said. "You have to be willing to be a figure of fun (even when) you want to do your craft and you want to do it well."

Still, when you feature a Chinese gong in "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "You know it's going to get laughs," he noted.

But who but a bunch of music lovers would appreciate that it's funny to feature a piccolo and a con-

trabassoon in a Christmas song in the first place?

In fact, the audience at The Town Hall roared its approval of the medley — especially when, at the conclusion of the piece, Peter Schickele told his musicians: "OK, let's tune up."

Hane and his fellow musicians were on stage for most of the show — they were integrated into several other music bits beside the Christmas medley — which gave him a ringside seat to a show he had only experienced over the radio.

"It's probably the most entertaining thing you can see in a live theater," he said.

"It was literally the most fun I've had on a gig in years — decades."

You can hear Daniel Hane and the entire Dec. 1 performance online at prairiehome.publicradio.org/programs/2012/12/01 during Segment 2.

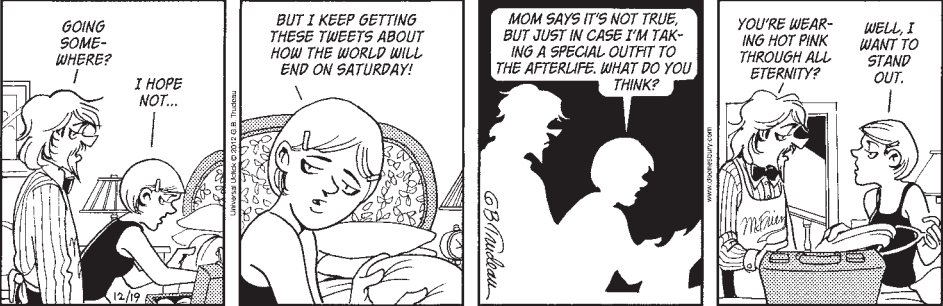
Among Hane's many other projects is performing in an ensemble of double-reed musicians called Double Entendre, who have a holiday CD called — what else? — "A Christmas Reeding." You can order the CD at doubleentendre.org or download it from iTunes.

Postscript: Another musical act on that stage that night was The Bacon Brothers, featuring Michael Bacon and his brother ... Kevin, who Daniel Hane literally bumped into backstage. So, yes, I am now just two degrees of separation from Kevin Bacon.

And in that regard, I'm not alone in the Gleaner newsroom. Reporter Frank Boyett reports that his brother, Chet, appeared as an extra — one of the unpopular square pegs in a fraternity house rush-party scene — in "Animal House." That very scene represented the big screen debut of none other than Kevin Bacon.

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Boehner's 'Plan B' hits a wall

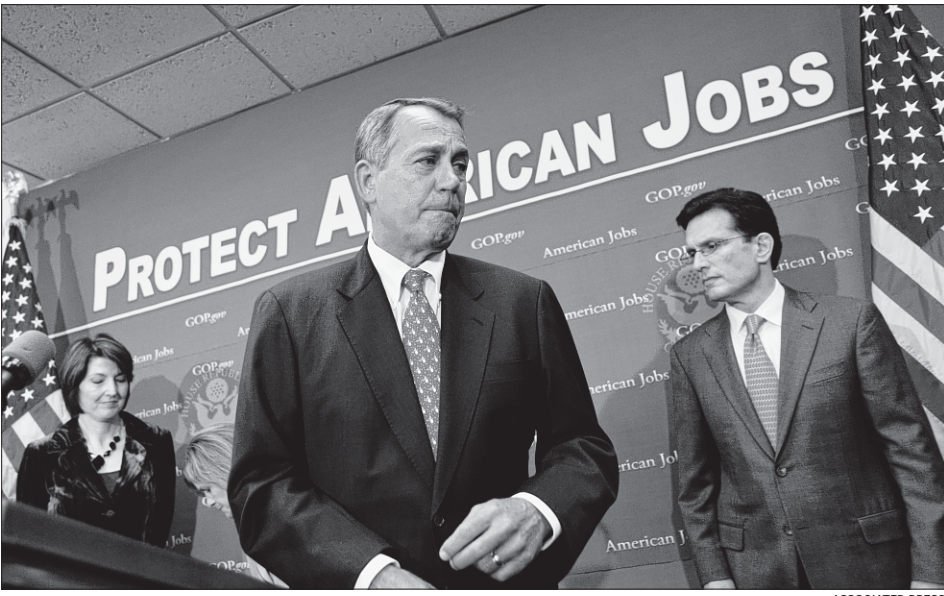
By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Just two weeks from an economy-threatening deadline, fiscal cliff talks hit a lull Tuesday as House Speaker John Boehner announced that Republicans also would march ahead with their own tax plan on a separate track from the one he's been pursuing with President Barack Obama.

The White House and leading congressional Democrats immediately rejected Boehner's "Plan B," which would extend soon-to-expire Bush-era tax cuts for everyone making less than \$1 million but would not address huge across-the-board spending cuts that are set to strike the Pentagon and domestic programs next year.

"Instead of making tough choices today, House Republicans are threatening to abandon serious negotiations," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

The narrower Plan B faced plenty of opposition. Democrats announced they would oppose it, and many



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Speaker of the House John Boehner, R-Ohio, is joined by Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R-Wash., left, and House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., at a news conference after a GOP strategy session Tuesday at the Capitol in Washington. Democrats said Boehner's move made it clear he was abandoning efforts to reach an agreement with Obama.

conservative Republicans continued to resist any vote that might be interpreted as raising taxes. Republicans were refining the measure Tuesday in hopes of building support among the GOP rank and file, but passing the measure exclusively with

GOP votes could prove difficult.

Democrats said Boehner's move made it clear he was abandoning efforts to reach an agreement with Obama, much as he quit talks with Obama 18 months ago.

"He talked about a 'balanced' approach on the campaign trail," Boehner said. "What the White House offered yesterday — \$1.3 trillion in revenue for only \$850 billion in spending cuts — cannot be considered balanced."

Hawaii's Inouye, senator and war hero, dies at 88

By Oskar Garcia
Associated Press

HONOLULU — On Dec. 7, 1941, high school senior Daniel Inouye knew he and other Japanese-Americans would face trouble when he saw Japanese dive bombers, torpedo planes and fighters on their way to bomb Pearl Harbor and other Oahu military bases.

He and other Japanese-Americans had wanted desperately to be accepted, he said, and that meant going to war.

"I felt that there was a need for us to demonstrate that we're just as good as



Inouye

anybody else," Inouye, who eventually went on to serve 50 years as a U.S. senator from Hawaii, once said. "The price was bloody and expensive, but I felt we succeeded."

Inouye, 88, died Monday of respiratory complications at a Washington-area hospital. As a senator, he became one of the most influential politicians in the country, playing key roles in congressional investigations of the

Watergate and Iran-Contra scandals. He was the longest serving current senator and by far the most important for his home state of Hawaii.

"Tonight, our country has lost a true American hero with the passing of Sen. Daniel Inouye," President Barack Obama said in a statement Monday. "It was his incredible bravery during World War II — including one heroic effort that cost him his arm but earned him the Medal of Honor — that made Danny not just a colleague and a mentor, but someone revered by all of us lucky enough to know him."

Inouye turned toward

life as a politician after his dreams of becoming a surgeon became impossible in World War II. He lost his right arm in a firefight with Germans in Italy in 1945.

In 2000, when then-President Bill Clinton belatedly presented Inouye and 21 other Asian-American World War II veterans with the Medal of Honor, Clinton recounted that Inouye's father believed their family owed an unrepayable debt to America.

"If I may say so, sir, more than a half-century later, America owes an unrepayable debt to you and your colleagues," Clinton said.

Around the world

IRAQ

President suffers stroke, in hospital

BAGHDAD — Iraqi President Jalal Talabani has suffered a stroke and was in intensive care at a Baghdad hospital Tuesday, injecting new uncertainty into the country's political future a year after the U.S. military left.

Known for his joking manner and walruslike mustache, Talabani, 79, has been actively involved in trying to mediate an ongoing crisis between Iraq's central government and the country's ethnic Kurdish minority, from which he hails.

PAKISTAN

Gunmen kill five U.N. polio workers

KARACHI — Gunmen shot dead five women working on U.N.-backed polio vaccination efforts in two Pakistani cities Tuesday, officials said, a major setback for a campaign that international health officials consider vital to contain the crippling disease but which Taliban insurgents say is a cover for espionage.

Pakistan is one of only three countries where polio is endemic. Militants however accuse health workers of acting as spies for the U.S. and claim the vaccine makes children sterile. Taliban commanders in the troubled northwest tribal region also have said vaccinations can't go forward until the U.S. stops drone strikes in the country.

Insurgent opposition to the campaign grew last year after it was revealed that a Pakistani doctor ran a fake vaccination program to help the CIA track down al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden, who was hiding in Abbottabad.

ISRAEL

PM says building efforts will continue

JERUSALEM — Israel's prime minister Tuesday rejected international criticism of plans to build thousands more Jewish homes in East Jerusalem, insisting that construction will move forward.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu issued the tough response as European diplomats were discussing plans to condemn Israel in the U.N. Security Council. A U.N. resolution would be the latest in a wave of angry international reactions to Israeli plans to build in areas the Palestinians claim for a future state.

"Jerusalem is the eternal capital of the state of Israel, and we will continue to build there," Netanyahu said during a visit to the city of Acre.

IRELAND

Parliament to take up abortion issue

DUBLIN — Ireland's government pledged Tuesday to pass a law soon that will allow women to receive abortions if continued pregnancy threatens their lives — including from their own threats to commit suicide if denied one.

The announcement comes after decades of inaction on abortion, and weeks after the predominantly Catholic country faced criticism over the death of an Indian woman hospitalized with an imminent miscarriage.

Health Minister James Reilly said parliamentary hearings on the issue would begin next month, lawmakers would receive a bill by Easter, and they would be expected to vote on it by the summer.

Wire reports



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NBC chief foreign correspondent Richard Engel, center, NBC Turkey reporter Aziz Akyavas, left, and NBC photographer John Kooistra speak during a news conference in Reyhanli, Turkey, on Tuesday. They were held captive for five days in Syria.

NBC correspondent, crew escape abduction in Syria

By Elizabeth A. Kennedy
Associated Press

BEIRUT — NBC's chief foreign correspondent Richard Engel said Tuesday he and members of his network crew escaped unharmed after five days of captivity in Syria, where more than a dozen pro-regime gunmen dragged them from their car, killed one of their rebel escorts and subjected them to mock executions.

Appearing on NBC's "Today" show, Engel said he and his team escaped during a firefight Monday night between their captors and rebels at a checkpoint. They crossed into Turkey on Tuesday.

NBC did not say how many people were kidnapped with Engel, although two other men, producer Ghazi Balkiz and photographer John Koois-

tra, appeared with him on the "Today" show. Another member of Engel's team, Aziz Akyavas, of Turkey, also escaped. It was not confirmed whether everyone was accounted for.

Engel said he believes the kidnappers were a Shiite militia group loyal to the Syrian government, which has lost control over swaths of the country's north and is increasingly on the defensive in a civil war that has killed 40,000 people since March 2011.

"They kept us blindfolded, bound," said the 39-year-old Engel, who speaks and reads Arabic. "We weren't physically beaten or tortured. A lot of psychological torture, threats of being killed. They made us choose which one of us would be shot first and when we refused, there were mock shootings," he added.

Across the nation

UTAH

Winter storm in Southwest, Rockies

SALT LAKE CITY — A winter snowstorm is moving through the Rocky Mountain region as many get ready to begin their holiday travels.

The National Weather Service is forecasting 3-8 inches of snow in southern Utah and northern Arizona on Tuesday and Wednesday, and 6-8 inches of snow in some parts of Colorado. Mountains in the three states will get more snow.

The storm could cause travel delays on major highways in Arizona, Utah, and Colorado.

IOWA

Lottery winners pay for football stadium

DES MOINES — An Iowa couple who won a \$202 million Powerball jackpot in September are donating \$3 million to their son's high school for a new football stadium — but the gift comes with a catch.

The stadium visitor's locker room must be painted pink.

The Bondurant-Farrar school district accepted the \$3 million donation from Brian and Mary Lohse on Monday. The couple requested only that the new stadium be completed before the fall 2014 football season — their oldest son's senior year — and that the visiting team's locker room be painted pink.

"I was sort of half-joking and half not, I suppose, but they said they'd do it," Mary Lohse said of her scheme, inspired by the University of Iowa visitor's locker room at Kinnick Stadium, which also is painted pink.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Petraeus mistress won't face charge

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has decided not to charge David Petraeus' mistress, Paula Broadwell, with cyberstalking as part of its investigation into an email scandal that led to the resignation of the CIA director and storied general.

Broadwell's lawyer, Robert Muse, gave The Associated Press a letter from U.S. Attorney Robert O'Neill that said no federal charges will be brought in Florida related to "alleged acts of cyberstalking."

Petraeus resigned as CIA director in November after acknowledging the extramarital affair, which was exposed after Broadwell emailed Tampa socialite Jill Kelley, allegedly warning Kelley to stay away from Petraeus and Gen. John Allen, the U.S. commander in Afghanistan.

COLORADO

Man released from jail kills 3, then self

LONGMONT — Police say a man who killed his ex-girlfriend and two of her relatives before fatally shooting himself had been accused of kidnapping the woman and released from jail just hours before the attack.

At about 4 a.m. Tuesday, a 911 dispatcher received a desperate call from a woman who could be heard saying, "no, no, no" before the sound of a gunshot.

Authorities say Sanchez took the phone and told the emergency operator he shot three people. The dispatcher then heard another gunshot.

Killed were Sanchez's ex-girlfriend, 25-year-old Beatriz Cintora-Silva, her sister and her sister's husband.

Wire reports

Syrian rebels fight pro-Assad Palestinians

By Barbara Surk
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Clashes between Syrian rebels and an armed Palestinian group loyal to President Bashar Assad raged inside a Damascus refugee camp Tuesday, as the Syrian military deployed tanks outside, activists said.

The rebel offensive in the Palestinian refugee camp of Yarmouk in southern Damascus, which began Friday, is aimed at driving the pro-government Palestinian gunmen out of the camp.

When the revolt against Assad's rule began in March 2011, the half-million-strong Palestinian community in Syria stayed on the sidelines.

By Tuesday afternoon, the Syrian military deployed several tanks along camp's main entrance, the residents said.

There were no Syrian government troops in the camp and most of the fighting was between rebels and gunmen with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, residents said. The group is led by Ahmed Jibril, Assad's longtime ally.

The fighting in the camp has forced an exodus of Palestinian refugees and Syrians who came to the camp to escape violence elsewhere, according to United Nations officials.

Civilians continue to leave the camp, with some heading to UNRWA installations around Damascus.

Others are fleeing to the Lebanon-Syrian border, said Sami Mshasha, spokesman for the U.N. Relief and Works Agency.

NATION

An insider attack: Trust cost two U.S. Army lives

By Robert Burns
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It was a sneak attack, but not by the enemy they feared.

U.S. Army Capt. Joshua Lawrence and Drew Russell were inside a small command post on an Afghan army base, wrapping up a long day of coordinating the safe arrival of nearly 100 Afghan religious and tribal leaders for a peace conference at a nearby palace.

Darkness had fallen.

Some of their fellow soldiers had retired for the evening. Two stood guard. All seemed well.

But as several soldiers sprawled on nearby cots, playing cards, the calm collapsed catastrophically at 9:27 p.m.

An exploding grenade shattered the stillness, followed in seconds by bursts of gunfire. Before any of the Americans could raise a hand to defend themselves, Lawrence was dead from a bullet to the head, and Russell was dying, shot three times in the back.

They were not killed by the Taliban, as the U.S.-led military coalition indicated the day after the Oct. 8, 2011, assault. Lawrence, 29, of Nashville, Tenn., and Russell, 25, of Scotts, Mich., were killed in what U.S. investigators later called a “calculated and coordinated” attack by Afghan soldiers entrusted to work alongside their U.S. partners.

This is the first published account of the attack and is based on internal Army records and interviews in the U.S. and Afghanistan.

For Russell’s family, the anguish is still fresh. His father, Jim, said the loss was even harder to accept after learning from the Army’s investigation report early this year that it was a supposed ally, not the Taliban, who killed his son.

“It wasn’t like a battle, you know. He pretty much got ambushed,” he said, pausing at length to settle his emotions. “That makes it difficult.”

On that moonlit Saturday evening, Russell was the designated “battle captain,” or duty officer, in the command center. Lawrence worked beside him as a plans officer. Both were members of the 4th Infantry Division’s 2nd “Warhorse” Brigade. They deployed to Afghanistan in June 2011. Lawrence had married just one week before leaving; the honeymoon was to wait until he returned home.

The Associated Press learned details of the attack from formerly secret Army investigation records obtained through the Freedom of Information Act. The Army removed substantial portions of the documents to protect what it called properly classified information as well as the identities of most people involved. The AP established some identities on its own.

The investigation — a standard process in a war zone — found that security at the U.S.-Afghan command post was so relaxed that guards were not told to check anyone entering. Potential Afghan thievery, not treachery, was judged the chief threat. Thus the killers had unfettered access and moved about without arousing suspicion.

Only 10 designated Afghan security personnel were supposed to be in the compound, but U.S. guards were given no access roster. Unknown numbers “freely entered

and exited the compound unchecked,” an Army investigator found.

The Americans had been told to treat the Afghans as if they were mingling in Iron Horse Park, a recreation area on their home base, Fort Carson, Colo., according to a staff sergeant who was present but whose name is blacked out on his sworn statement to investigators.

The Americans had convinced themselves, 10 years into a war whose successful outcome depended on empowering local security forces, that they could trust their Afghan colleagues. That was a deadly miscalculation in this instance and dozens more in the months that followed as growing numbers of Afghan troops turned their guns on their coalition partners.

As the attacks mounted this year, U.S. officials in Kabul and Washington insisted these were “isolated incidents.” They routinely withheld details and, until pressed by the AP, did not publicly disclose attacks in which coalition troops were wounded but not killed.

At least 63 coalition troops — mostly Americans — have been killed, by the AP’s count, and more than 85 wounded in at least 46 insider attacks so far this year. That’s an average of nearly one attack a week. In 2011, 21 insider attacks killed 35.

The attack that killed Lawrence and Russell in the southern city of Kandahar was the 17th of 2011. Breaking it down in detail shows how easily it can be done.

The two officers and five other U.S. soldiers were inside a soft-skinned, tan-colored tent that served as a temporary “tactical command post” on an Afghan army base known as Old Corps Headquarters. Their task was to coordinate a security plan for the three-day peace conference at nearby Mandigak Palace. Their body armor was stacked in one corner, their weapons in another.

Their partners that day included liaison officers from Afghan security services, including the national intelligence agency and the army. The four liaisons excused themselves for the night and left the compound shortly before the attack. They had been working inside the tent and would have been in the line of fire had they stayed.

The Army investigator called this circumstance “worth noting,” but he established no proof of complicity by the Afghan security officers.

An Afghan investigation concluded that only one soldier, a sergeant identified as Enayut (Afghans often use just one name) fired on the Americans, according to a summary of the probe, while the U.S. Army concluded there were two shooters.

Several U.S. soldiers recalled noticing two, possibly three, Afghans enter the compound about 9 p.m. They stood out because they were armed with one rocket-propelled grenade and at least one M16 rifle. At least one was wearing an Afghan army uniform, the report said. No one questioned them, since there was no screening requirement in place.

“They just walked in like they owned the place,” a U.S. sentry at the compound’s barricaded entrance told investigators afterward. Like others, his name was blacked out of the report.

In the moments that



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This Oct. 10, 2011 file photo shows transfer cases containing the remains of Army Capt. Drew E. Russell, right, and Army Spc. Ricardo Cerros Jr., sitting on a loader during a prayer at Dover Air Force Base, Del. Russell and Army Capt. Joshua Lawrence were inside a small command post on an Afghan army base, when an exploding grenade was followed in seconds by bursts of gunfire. Before any of the Americans could raise a hand to defend themselves, Lawrence was dead, one 5.56mm bullet to the head, and Russell was dying, shot three times in the back.

followed, hints of trouble were obscured by the appearance of normalcy.

At 9:02 p.m., just a few minutes after taking up his guard position at the front entrance of the command post tent, Spc. Paul A. LeVan was told he was being repositioned to a guard tower overlooking the compound. He was not replaced at the tent. There was no explanation as to why.

LeVan’s sergeant led him to the empty guard tower, where, as a standard precaution, they discussed the locations of friendly forces in LeVan’s line of fire. He was armed with an M249 light machine gun.

Soon, two of the Afghans who had entered the compound at 9 p.m. joined them in the tower. One was in military garb and, rather curiously, armed with a grenade launcher and one grenade. The other was unarmed and spoke English. LeVan’s sergeant then left the tower and, upon entering the command tent, mentioned the grenade launcher to those inside, including an enlisted soldier who recalled later that the weapon seemed “out of the ordinary.”

“But since (Afghan soldiers) were allowed to carry RPGs (rocket-propelled grenades), we did not give it much thought,” the enlisted soldier, whose name was blacked out of the report, told investigators.

Another unidentified soldier said in the report that he, too, noticed the RPG and thought it “seemed reckless” to permit it inside the compound.

In his final report, the Army investigator found it curious that neither LeVan nor his sergeant challenged or questioned the two Afghans about “why a tower guard would have an RPG and no rifle.”

LeVan, 21 at the time and a member of the 209th Military Police Company, said he assumed the Afghans were a properly assigned guard and his interpreter, although he noticed that the armed Afghan was avoiding eye contact and closely tracking movements inside the compound. LeVan shook hands with both men, but the veneer of friendliness soon vanished.

“I had a gut feeling that



Drew E. Russell



Joshua Lawrence

something was out of place,” he told the AP in a telephone interview. He was the only American to witness the attack from start to finish.

Suddenly and without explanation the Afghans descended from the tower.

“I got nervous, so I kept a very close eye on the two men,” LeVan told an Army investigator two days later.

LeVan said he watched through his night vision goggles as the Afghan armed his grenade launcher and took aim at several Army medics playing cards on cots they had set up at the rear of their armored ambulance. A medic recalled spotting the gunman pointing the RPG at them from point blank range. “I stood up and shouted, ‘Hey! What the f--- are you doing?’” she told investigators.

His rocket missed the soldiers and slammed into a nearby concrete barrier. Shrapnel wounded the medic in her stomach and back. A piece of shrapnel also penetrated the nearby command tent, wounding the U.S. sergeant who had just left LeVan in the guard tower.

By several accounts, bullets began flying about five seconds after the grenade exploded.

“The timing was perfect,” LeVan recalled. He watched from the tower as another gunman — not the one who launched the rocket, and not the English-speaking Afghan, either — advanced swiftly on the command tent, firing bursts from an M16 semi-automatic rifle.

Inside the tent, which was ringed with sandbags but filled with dust from the grenade blast, Lawrence and Russell hit the ground and began low-crawling side-by-side toward their body armor.

Neither would get back to his feet. The M16 shooter fired a total of 14 bullets into the tent, the last few from the front entrance. None of the Americans inside saw their attacker well enough to identify him.

“I saw someone standing in the entrance to the tent shooting at all of us,” said the sergeant who had been hit in the leg by shrapnel. “I put my head down. I believe I heard five or six rounds fired, and then the shooting stopped.”

Maj. Keith Walters, who was in the tent and suffered a severe leg wound from the M16 fire, said that by the time the gunman vanished it was too late.

“As the firing stopped, I remember yelling out to hold fire as I knew we had friendly U.S. and Afghan forces somewhere in the compound and that by then they would probably be approaching the tent. We did not return a single shot,” Walters wrote in an email to investigators three weeks later from his hospital bed in Washington, where he underwent surgery.

Walters’ unit, the Army’s 4th Infantry Division, denied an AP request to interview Walters, saying the matter was too sensitive; later it said Walters had decided on his own not to be interviewed.

Lawrence apparently died instantly of his head wound. Russell was declared dead a short time later at a nearby helicopter landing zone as colleagues prepared to evacuate him and three seriously wounded soldiers to medical facilities at Kandahar Air Field.

Four other soldiers were wounded less severely.

The killers escaped — apparently with inside help. They remain at large.

Gen. Jallaad Rahimi, who was the chief military prosecutor in Kandahar at the time, told the AP in a recent interview that the father and brother of Sgt. Enayut, plus three of his fellow soldiers, are in detention. The three soldiers are not accused of shooting anyone but are charged with neglecting their duties or assisting Enayut, Rahimi said. For example, the rocket-propelled grenade fired by Enayut was assigned to a member of his unit who told investigators that Enayut had taken it from him that evening when he was not looking, Rahimi said.

Rahimi said two of the detained soldiers are accused of helping Enayut escape the compound.

Enayut’s father and brother were arrested after authorities found evidence at their home that Enayut had been in contact with insurgents, Rahimi said. The brother and the father knew about this contact, Rahimi said, but didn’t tell authorities and may have covered up for Enayut. The U.S. investigation found no links

to insurgents.

Enayut, 23 at the time of the shooting, joined the Afghan army in 2006. An expert in disarming bombs, he had a history of going AWOL and receiving no punishment for it. U.S. investigators found that he had slipped away for an unauthorized visit to Pakistan just weeks before the attack.

Investigators were unable to pin down identifying information about the other shooter, although it appeared he also was a soldier and was probably a member of Enayut’s unit, the 4th Battalion, 1st Brigade, 205th Corps. LeVan said both wore Afghan army uniforms in the attack.

The story of the killing of Lawrence and Russell raises hard questions about the insider attack problem, starting with this: How can it happen to arguably the world’s best-trained, best-equipped army? The answer, in this case, is that the Americans designed their security with external threats in mind — known Taliban tactics like suicide car bombings, for example — rather than threats from their Afghan allies.

Was that reasonable?

Yes, says Maj. Gen. James L. Huggins, who ordered the internal Army investigation in his capacity as the senior U.S. commander in southern Afghanistan at the time. In rejecting the investigation’s central finding — that U.S. officers had failed to take necessary security precautions — Huggins wrote that the security arrangements were “appropriate responses” to available intelligence.

“Only (in) hindsight do we now understand the insider threat present at the time of the attack,” he wrote on Dec. 17, 2011.

In making that judgment, Huggins overruled the colonel who conducted the investigation. The colonel, whose name was removed from the copy of the report provided to the AP, wrote in his account that the U.S. chain of command in Kandahar “failed to use the appropriate security and force protection measures to secure the compound and safeguard their soldiers.”

Of the 16 insider attacks that preceded this one in 2011, none had occurred in Kandahar province, but two took place in adjacent provinces within Huggins’ area of responsibility, according to U.S. records.

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New Beginnings needs volunteers for rape crisis hotline, advocacy

This weekly column is designed to help nonprofit community-service organizations in The Gleaner's coverage area with volunteers and donations.

To request a listing for your agency, to volunteer your help or for information about any of the items listed below, contact the Volunteer and Information Center at 831-2273.

VOLUNTEER

New Beginnings (formerly Rape Victims Services) needs volunteers in Henderson and Union counties to man the crisis hotline and to help with Medical Advocacy. No experience necessary, volunteers will be trained.

New Hope Animal Rescue needs volunteers to interact with the animals and walk dogs. For more information: Patti, 827-8088.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Henderson County needs volunteers (BIGs) ages 16 and older to mentor youth in the Henderson community. A minimum of a one year commitment is required. There are currently more than 60 children waiting for a mentor. Information: Charlyn, 270-631-0738.

Matthew 25 seeks volunteers to help with weeding and mulching their landscaping areas. This can be a single project or it can be done monthly depending upon the volunteer. It is a great project for youth groups or small clubs. Information: Sally or Dina, 826-0200.

GIVE

Volunteer and Information Center collects used ink jet and laser printer cartridges and unwanted cellphones. Information: 831-2273

The Answer Center needs seasonal clothing, pots, pans, sheets or all sizes, bath and kitchen towels. For more information: Kathy, 827-9888 or at the Green Valley Baptist Association, 827-9867.

Habitat ReStore needs furniture, appliances, televisions and building materials. Information: Sarah, 826-0015.

Children's Advocacy Center is especially in need of gloves, mittens, scarves, hats, paper towels, toilet paper and Kleenex. Information: RaeAnn, 830-5400.

The Salvation Army needs bicycles. Bicycles may be dropped off at the Salvation Army Store. Those unable to take bicycles to the store may call the store and request pick up. For more information: Roy, 826-8086. The Salvation Army also needs



gently used computers that can be scrubbed and programs put on them to make them usable again. They are also in need of keyboards and mice. These computers will be given to children in the community to help them with their education. Information: 826-4472.

Matthew 25 collects the following items for their recycle-to-earn program: any used pens, markers, highlighters, pencils (mechanical or wood). They are also collecting any Nabisco or Keebler cookie wrappers, bags or trays. Candy wrappers, bags or multipack bags of any Mars candy and also Frito Lay chip bags of all sizes. They are also looking for volunteers to knit scarves for their clients for Christmas. Information: Sally or Dina, 826-0200.

Henderson Christian Community Outreach needs staple good, especially macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and canned meat, and household items like dish washing liquid, laundry detergent and toilet paper, personal care items such as shampoo, toothpaste, bar soap, deodorant. They are still collecting Sureway Saver stamps. Information: Mary Dunham, 826-5592.

Shelter for Women and Children needs cleaning supplies, toilet paper and paper towels. Information: Sharon, 830-8063.

WARM Center needs AA Big Books, deodorant (sticks only), white pillow cases, umbrellas, jeans and Kleenex. They also need loose leaf paper and spiral notebooks. Information: 826-0036.

Riverview School needs paper products such as paper towels and plastic forks and spoons. They also need air freshener and white copy paper. They also continue to collect pennies or any loose change, and Sureway stamps, Box Tops for Education and Campbell's soup labels. They also need 4 and 8 foot tables. Information: Loretta Riddle, 827-3674.

New Hope Animal Rescue needs cat litter, grooming supplies, large dog kennels, hanging bowls for dogs, blankets, towels, bleach and cleaning supplies, paper towels, hand

sanitizers, trash bags and outdoor canopies. They are also collecting Sureway stamps. Information: Patti, 827-8088.

Free Cakes for Kids needs cake mixes, boxes, frosting and other cake decorations, including candles. Children selected for this program will be referred by Family Resource Center directors, the Migrant Program, Redbanks, Colonial Assisted Living and Marsha's Place. Information: Visit www.free-cakesforkidshenderson.weebly.com

The **Harbor House** is in need of bleach, toilet paper, laundry detergent and canned goods. Information: Jim 827-5010.

Bags of Love is in need of the following items: toy cars, dolls, stuffed animals, coloring books, crayons, jigsaw puzzles, craft items, beading sets, card games, activity sets, baby shampoo, baby wash, baby bottles, baby toys, journals, ink pens, radios, disposable cameras, \$5 phone cards, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, hair brushes, combs, shampoo, deodorants, ponytail holders and fabric. Information: Angie, 830-9480 or Stella, 823-3296.

Misfit Island in need of the following: Dr. Brown baby bottles and nipples, bandages, blankets, towels, receiving blankets, medical supplies for wound care, all sizes of animal cages, digital thermometers, heating pads, premie baby bottles, rubber made tubs of all sizes, puppy pads, Dawn antibacterial dish soap (for animals), bleach, laundry detergent, liquid hand soap, paper towels, Mr. Clean, industrial mops, vet wraps, gauges, cloth tape, baby foods (vegetable and fruit only), rice/oatmeal baby cereals, trash bags and board members. Information: Linda, 827-8143.

Independence Bank is collecting items to fill care packages for our servicemen and women overseas for **Santas for Soldiers**. They need baby wipes, hand sanitizer, hard candy, dry soup mix, instant coffee, tea, ramen noodles and toothbrushes and toothpaste. These items may be dropped at any of the local Henderson Independence Banks.

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Doctors report new aloe-vera “cocktail” delivers instant relief to people who suffer with **heartburn, acid-reflux, constipation, gas, bloating, diarrhea, and other stomach nightmares...**

By Damian Wexler, Freelance health reporter

“Sometimes you’ll give anything just to make it stop!”... says Dr. Santiago Rodriguez about digestive distress. He ought to know. After all, he’s a world-renowned expert on medicinal botany.

“You can see the tortured look on people’s faces as they talk about the scorching burn of stomach acid. Or being so constipated you almost pass out from the pain.” And there’s nothing worse than being “kept prisoner to your bathroom” because of chronic diarrhea.

It’s a nightmare for people who suffer from it. But now, your stomach problems could be over. And the secret is in the healing aloe plant.

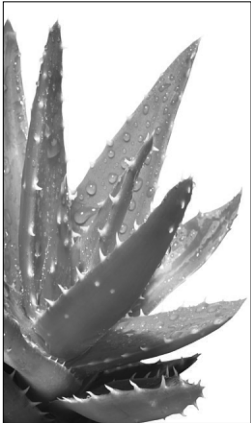
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Dr. Rodriguez explains... the “*AloeCure*” can work genuine miracles. It buffers high acid levels with amazing speed. So your



stomach feels completely at ease just moments after drinking it.” In fact, it could wipe out stomach pain, discomfort, and frantic runs to the bathroom.

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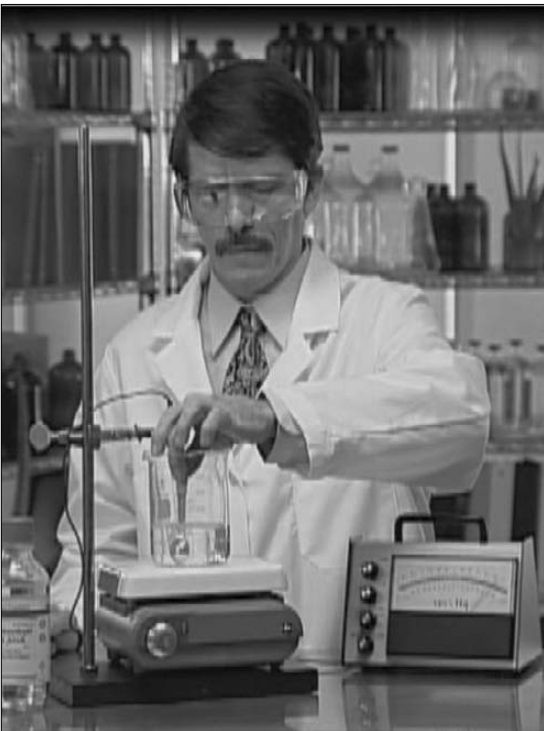
But “*AloeCure*” can help virtually anyone. Even people with chronic stomach pain can feel better right away,” says Dr. Rodriguez. And what’s really exciting is *AloeCure* aids in keeping your digestive tract healthy, so intestinal distress stops coming back.

DIGESTION DEFENDER #1: BALANCES STOMACH ACID

Your first line of defense is calcium malate. This natural acid buffer instantly sends stomach acid levels plunging. And holds acid levels down so they don’t return!

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AloeCure is brimming with polysaccharides, this “wonder” compound that gently coats the throat, esophagus and stomach, carrying instant relief to cells scorched by excess acid.



Dr. Santiago Rodriguez, Ph.D., world-famous research chemist

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DRUGS
from 1A

The U.S. saw a surge in the use of such drugs in recent years. The substances are often sold at small, independent stores in misleading packaging that suggests common household items like bath salts, incense and plant food. But the substances inside are powerful, mind-altering

WOOD
from 1A

ing logs there.

Dame confirmed that commercial tree trimmers have been caught trying to dump at the pile, and that if they come in an unmarked truck county officials have little way of detecting them.

“Probably the biggest portion of the problem is on the weekends,” Hubiak said, noting the wood pile is open on Sundays while the city landfill is not.

Alexander advocated closer restrictions on the wood pile, perhaps requir-

drugs that have been linked to bizarre and violent behavior across the country.

A new state law gave Beshear the authority to issue regulations to ban the new forms of synthetic marijuana.

“This streamlined process will save lives and give law enforcement a powerful tool no matter how this battlefield changes,” said Democratic state Rep. John Tilley of Hopkinsville, who sponsored the new law.

That law broadened the scope of banned substances to include entire classes of synthetic drugs, not just compounds. It was aimed at ensnaring people who slightly alter the drug formulas to try to get around laws that prohibit specific substances.

The governor’s action follows efforts by Kentucky drug enforcement officials who identified new forms of synthetic marijuana that were not listed by state law as banned substances.

Van Ingram, executive director of the state’s Office of Drug Control Policy, said Kentucky’s efforts to combat synthetic drugs have reduced their availability. “They’re still out there,” he said. “They’re just not sold maybe as openly as they were just a year ago. It’s become more of an ‘in the back room kind of a deal.”

Ingram said he suspects this won’t be the only time an emergency regulation is used to ban a new form of synthetic drug. Once a new substance not currently banned is detected, drug enforcement officials will seek similar action, he said.

Penalties for people caught selling synthetic drugs can include forfeiture of property, fines, jail time and loss of alcohol sale licenses.

FISCAL
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commodate the holidays. The meetings will be Jan. 8 and 22.

Flood ordinance: The court passed final reading of a new flood damage prevention ordinance, which is needed before the community’s new flood maps go into effect Feb. 20.

Zoning changes: The court passed first reading of amendments to the county’s zoning ordinance. Among the changes are the requirement that agricultural use exemptions, which currently must be at least five acres, must be at least 10 acres, and that the minimum size for lots in agricultural

zones is one acre instead of 10,000 square feet. City-county Planner Kathy Ferrell noted that, “You can still divide your farm into five one-acre lots before it becomes a major subdivision.”

Recycling conveyor: The court opened bids for a conveyor to be used in the Tri-County Recycling Alliance’s new recycling center, but deferred action to the alliance’s board. Barron Enterprise of Eubank bid \$103,000 for a conveyor, while Municipal Equipment Inc. of Louisville bid \$89,974 for above-grade conveyor or \$93,688 for a below-grade conveyor.

Air board: The court approved reappointing James A. Tillotson and David Pillar to the Henderson County Air Board.

was a gold investor.”

While the coins themselves were “nothing spectacular,” Glover said, there were a lot of them — thousands, some wrapped up neatly in foil or plastic cases, others loose in bags.

There were more than 2,900 Austrian coins, many from 1915; 4,500 from Mexico; 500 from Britain; 300 U.S. gold pieces, some dating to 1880; and more than 100 U.S. gold pieces as old as the 1890s. They were stored mostly in 2-foot-by-2-foot-by-2.5-foot ammo boxes stacked on top of each other.

The variety of coins impressed Howard Herz, the appraiser of the fortune for the estate who has seen a lot as curator of gambling collections at Harvey’s Resort at Lake Tahoe from 1960-93.

“It was an extraordinarily well calculated investment in gold,” Herz said.

Besides his house, Samaszko’s other belongings have fetched very little: A bike sold for \$2, a saw for \$10.70 and a wrench for \$15. (A 1968 Ford Mustang California Special will soon be auctioned, appraised at \$17,000).

The real money will come when the gold is sold. A lucrative investment in the last few years as the economy remained stuck in a slump, gold is worth about \$1,700 an ounce, up from about \$400 a decade ago.

Meanwhile, Magdanz has left her apartment to stay in a secret location due to an avalanche of requests from the news media for interviews, Glover said.

“She was so frazzled and so harassed,” he said.

Ready to serve



MIKE LAWRENCE/THE GLEANER

From left, city commissioners Robbie Mills, Tom Davis, Robert Pruitt and Jan Hite take their oath of office from Family Court Judge Shelia Nunley Farris Tuesday afternoon on the top floor of the Henderson Municipal Center. About 35 people witnessed the swearing in ceremony of the incoming Henderson City Commission. “I do now solemnly authorize that you are city commissioners of the city of Henderson for the next two years,” Farris proclaimed after she administered the oath. She then congratulated the group.

GUNS
from 1A

those made by Bushmaster. Freedom Group noted in its filing that new laws along the lines of the expired assault weapons ban “could have a material adverse effect on our business.”

Cerberus attempted to distance itself from that debate on Tuesday.

“We are investors, not statesmen or policy makers,” the company said in its statement. Firms like Cerberus are basically privately run pools of money that invest in companies on behalf of pension funds including those for teachers, police officers, and other institutions. “It is not our role to take positions, or attempt to shape or influence the gun control policy debate. That is the job of our

federal and state legislators,” the private-equity firm said.

The sale may have been influenced by one or more of those clients. The announcement comes one day after the California State Teachers Retirement System, a large pension fund, told The Wall Street Journal that it was reviewing its \$500 million investment commitment to Cerberus because of the firm’s stake in Freedom Group.

Cerberus is best known for its investment in Chrysler. It ended up walking away from that investment as the U.S. government bailed out the car company.

Money made from the Freedom Group sale will be returned to its investors, Cerberus said.

Meanwhile, Dick’s Sporting Goods Inc. said in a statement that it suspended the sale of modern sporting rifles

in all of its stores. The company also removed all guns from sale and display at its store closest to Newtown.

Shares in publicly-traded gun makers were dropping for a third-straight day.

Shares of Sturm, Ruger & Co. dropped \$3.74, or 8.5 percent, to \$40.26 in afternoon trading Tuesday. They’re down more than 10 percent since Thursday, the day before the shooting. Shares of Smith & Wesson Holding Corp. fell 11 percent to \$7.70, and are down 19.3 percent from their Thursday close.

Outdoor goods retailer Cabela’s Inc. fell \$1.58, or 3.8 percent, to \$39.63.

A Cerberus spokesman did not return a phone message left on Tuesday. A representative for Freedom Group could not be immediately reached for comment.

Movement seen in gun-control debate

By Lary Margasak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congressional gun rights supporters showed an increased willingness Tuesday to consider new legislation to control firearms in the aftermath of the Connecticut school shootings — provided it also addresses mental health issues and the impact of violent video games.

A former co-chairman of the Congressional Sportsmen’s Caucus, Democratic Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif., and 10-term House Republican Jack Kingston — a Georgia lawmaker elected with strong National Rifle Association backing — were the latest to join the call to consider gun control as part of a comprehensive, anti-violence effort next year.

“Put guns on the table, also put video games on the table, put mental health on the table,” Kingston said. But he added that nothing should be done immediately, saying, “There is a time for mourning and a time to sort it out. I look forward to sorting it out and getting past the grief stage.”

With the nation’s nerves still raw over the murders of 20 elementary school children and six teachers, White House spokesman Jay Carney said President Barack Obama was “actively supportive” of a plan by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., to introduce legislation to reinstate an assault weapons ban. While Obama has long supported a ban, he exerted little effort to get it

passed during his first term.

On Capitol Hill, Feinstein is likely to become chairman next year of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which may get the first crack at considering firearms legislation.

Carney said the president also would support legislation that closes a gun show “loophole,” which allows people to buy guns from private dealers without a background check. And he says Obama would be “interested in looking at” legislation to restrict high capacity ammunition clips.

The spokesman said Obama was heartened by growing support on Capitol Hill for a national discussion on gun violence, particularly from seemingly unlikely lawmakers. The president spoke on the phone Tuesday with West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin, a conservative Democrat and avid hunter, who said after the Connecticut shootings that “everything should be on the table” in those discussions.

Carney sidestepped questions about whether Obama regrets not having taken stronger gun control during his first term, but he said the president does think more needs to be done.

Among members of Congress, Thompson, the former Sportsmen’s Caucus co-chairman, was named to lead a Democratic task force on gun violence. He’s a hunter, a wounded Vietnam veteran and a conservative Democrat.

“The only experience I’ve had with assault weapons was the one

that I was trained with when I was in the Army,” he said. “I know that this is not a war on guns. Gun owners and hunters across this country have every right to own legitimate guns for legitimate purposes and ... we are not going to take law-abiding citizens guns away from them.”

On Monday, NRA member Manchin, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa — senior Republican on the Judiciary Committee — said it’s time for a debate that would include gun control. Reid previously had taken pro-gun positions for years.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell told reporters, “The entire Congress is united in condemning the violence in Newtown and on the need to enforce our laws. As we continue to learn the facts, Congress will examine whether there is an appropriate and constitutional response that would better protect our citizens.”

McConnell added that Reid controls the Senate schedule.

At a regular House Republican closed-door meeting Tuesday Rep. Tim Murphy of Pennsylvania, a psychologist, led a discussion on mental illness — which he described as the primary cause of mass shootings.

Murphy said he told colleagues that mental illness was the common link in similar tragic incidents and “we have to stop pretending it doesn’t exist. We need to understand what it is that triggers changes in someone.”

Gun lobby prepares for battle over firearm controls

By Isaac Wolf
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — To the firearm lobby, calls for enhanced gun control following Friday’s massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School represent far more than the rekindling of a dormant policy debate. They’re the opening salvo

in the latest skirmish of a decades-long war.

“We are in the heat of battle — in every sense of the word,” Michael Hammond, legislative counsel to the Gun Owners of America, said in an interview Monday.

Hammond’s group and its larger, more prominent sibling, the National Rifle Association, will do this by reminding members of Congress who helped them get there.

“There are a lot of these senators who owe their election to the NRA,” Hammond said. “The question is, now, ‘Are they going to turn around and stab the NRA in the back?’”

Some answers have already

begun to emerge. In the wake of Adam Lanza’s massacre by semi-automatic rifle of 20 grade-school children and six adults in Newtown, Conn., several Democratic senators who have earned high ratings from the NRA are calling for reform. And Republican Sen. Marco Rubio (Fla.), through a spokesman, called for a na-

tional dialogue on the issue.

According to research from the Sunlight Foundation, a nonpartisan group that tracks money in politics, the NRA spent 73 times as much as the preeminent gun-control group, the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, on lobbying during the 112th Congress.

■ **Player of the Year:**
Johnny Manziel has added another major award to the Heisman Trophy: He's the AP Player of the Year. **3B**



UK's Brown plans 'Air Raid' attack

■ New offensive coordinator will install up-tempo offense

By Gary Graves
Associated Press

LEXINGTON — Neal Brown plans to bring the 'Air Raid' offense to Kentucky. He said it won't take long to install the up-tempo passing attack, that it can be done quickly.

The Wildcats' new offensive coordinator said Tuesday he will employ the offense that helped Texas Tech's offense rank in the top 15 nationally during his three seasons there.

Brown, hired Dec. 10, learned the nuts-and-bolts of the offense playing wide receiver at Kentucky under coach Hal Mumme from 1998-2000. He adopted the philosophy as a

coach and helped Troy's offense thrive with it for two years before going to the Red Raiders.

The Louisville native faces a big challenge with the Wildcats, whose offense ranked next to last in the Southeastern Conference this past season at 315 yards per game.

Still, Brown is confident Kentucky will turn things around.

"It's been done," said the 32-year-old, who will also coach Kentucky's quarterbacks. "This program's had a couple of down years, but it also went through some of its strongest periods with five or six bowl games in a row. Here's the deal, the SEC's

a tough conference, there's no question. I'm coming from a conference that's not chopped liver; week in and week out it's tough and if you look at the rankings that backs that up.

"But the opportunity to come home with these people, with the fan support that Kentucky's going to have and turn this thing around, it will be done."

When Mark Stoops was introduced as Kentucky's head coach on Dec. 2 he promised that fans would see an offense that they're "going to enjoy." Eight days later he followed up on that promise by hiring Brown, who directed one of the nation's most prolific outfits at Texas Tech.

The Red Raiders (7-5) are headed to the Meineke Car Care Bowl and coming off a regular season in which they ranked second in pass-



Neal Brown

Troy enjoyed similar success under Brown, especially in his second season with the Trojans. In 2009 they improved from 27th to third in total offense and from 33rd to fourth in passing.

Brown believes Kentucky is capable of the same success and said it might take "two or three days" to install the system this spring. As for which quarterback will run the system, he has already told a sophomore Maxwell Smith and freshmen Jalen Whit-

ing offense (361.9 yards) and 12th in total offense at 501.4 per game. Texas Tech's scoring average of 37.8 points per game ranked 16th.

low and Patrick Towles that there will be an open competition in the spring and fall for the starting job with reps evenly split between the trio.

"Let's get better. That is simple," Brown said. "I said, 'Hey, I am not going to spend a whole lot of time watching what you did before. There are going to be some fundamental things that are non-negotiable that we are going to do. Y'all are going to start on the same level playing field, best man wins.'"

"I don't have any ties to any of the three of them. I am going to coach them like they are my own and like I recruited them and the whole deal. The best man is going to play."

Smith began the season as Kentucky's starter in a spread offense and passed for 975 yards, eight touch-

downs and four interceptions before sustaining a season-ending left ankle injury against South Carolina. Whitlow and Towles shared duties for the rest of the season with senior Morgan Newton also seeing time under center.

None of them could lift the Wildcats (2-10), whose 176.2-yard passing average ranked 12th in the 14-team conference. But Brown is heartened by the fact that Smith, Whitlow and Towles all gained experience in a tough conference that has a chance to win its seventh consecutive BCS national championship.

"It's a good problem," Brown said of having that many quarterbacks to choose from. "And it's really not a problem, it's a situation. We've got three guys who can play quarterback in the Southeastern Conference."

It's Pitino vs. Pitino tonight

■ Father will square off against son as Cardinals take on Florida International

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

MIAMI — Richard Pitino made his peace with the reality long ago. No matter what he does as a coach, he knows comparisons to his father will always be made.

Florida International's coach doesn't mind.

"I, more than anything, embrace it," he said.

There will be someone else for him to embrace Wednesday night — his aforementioned father. Richard Pitino gets to match wits with Rick Pitino in Louisville when FIU (3-4) travels to meet the fifth-ranked Cardinals (9-1). The matchup was scheduled not long after the younger Pitino left his dad's staff to coach the Panthers.

It shapes up as a mismatch. Louisville is a major national-title hopeful with a storied coach who has taken teams to six Final Fours and won 638 games. FIU was picked to finish last in its division of the Sun Belt Conference, made its only trip to the NCAA tournament in 1995 and has a coach with exactly three wins on his resume.

None of that will matter Wednesday.

"I don't worry about it going away. I don't want it to go away," Richard Pitino said of the parallels drawn between him and his father. "I talk to him every day about basketball. Putting him being my father aside, I think he's the greatest coach out there."

It's a total family affair. There was a family dinner



Richard Pitino

planned for Tuesday night after FIU's arrival. Richard Pitino and his family were planning to spend the night at his parents' home, and Wednesday will carry more emotion than even a father-son game ordinarily would. It's the annual Billy Minardi Classic for the Cardinals, a contest named for Rick Pitino's brother-in-law who was killed in the terrorist attack at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

"Billy was very close with Richard and vice versa," Rick Pitino said Tuesday, when asked his thoughts on what the night will mean to the family. "It's going to mean a great deal to him, seeing his uncle's picture around. Our family right now is more apprehensive and nervous than Richard and me. We know it's a basketball game. We know what it's all about."

Rick Pitino has been in these close-to-the-heart games before, with 24 of his other former assistants or players having become head coaches. Louisville officials say there have been 44 instances of them coaching against their former mentor — with Rick Pitino going 34-10 in those games.

Included in that record: Rick Pitino is 7-0 against Billy Donovan, someone that Richard Pitino counts as an idol. FIU's style, quite simply, is one that meshes the teachings of Donovan's



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Louisville head coach Rick Pitino cries out during the second half of his team's game against Memphis on Saturday, Dec. 15, in Memphis, Tenn. Louisville won 87-78.

offense and Pitino's defense, and that isn't by accident.

"I've told him, stay after him," Rick Pitino said, referring to how his son mimics part of Donovan's style. "That's your blueprint. There's no better model in the coaching ranks."

Also according to Louisville, it's the 17th time in NCAA Division I history that a father will coach against his son. The dads are 14-2 in those games, the most recent when Arkansas and Nolan Richardson topped Tennessee

State and Nolan Richardson III 90-68 on Nov. 17, 2000. (That had three generations of the Richardson clan, with Nolan Richardson's grandson Garrett playing for Tennessee State.)

Maybe Rick Pitino should take note: That game was a three-point contest with 7 minutes left.

"He's got a great group of young men," Rick Pitino said of his son's team. "They're working real hard for him."

As a recruiter, Richard

Pitino got several of Louisville's current players to sign with the Cardinals and still texts some of them.

"People always ask me the question: 'How are you like your dad as a coach?' And I hate that question," Richard Pitino said. "You're asking me to compare myself as a coach to a guy who's won a national title, been to six Final Fours and won more than 600 games. I'm not him. I'm not trying to live up to his legacy. To me, the comparisons are silly."

Campbellsville signs Lady Cols' Bell, Mathews

By Mitchell Stinson
Gleaner correspondent

One soccer journey has ended but another officially began for Leanna Bell and Julia Mathews on Tuesday. The two Henderson County Lady Colonels became Lady Tigers in waiting when they signed to play collegiate ball for Campbellsville (Ky.) University.

Both overcame difficult obstacles on their way to the next level — Bell battled dyslexia while Mathews overcame asthma. Now they're excited to attack the future.

"Julia is going to give them speed and an offensive threat (and) Leanna will probably be a back-up (goal) keeper," Lady Colonels coach Doc DeWitt

said of their prospects at Campbellsville.

Doing her damage at the forward position, Mathews tied for the Henderson County lead in total scoring. Combining speed with a nose for the ball, she hopes to stay at a goal-scoring position in college. "They did say they needed a forward," she said. "Needed somebody to score up front."

She handled that need quite well for the Lady Colonels, converting more goals in her senior year than the rest of her high school career combined. What caused the quantum leap?

"I think it's because I worked hard at it," Mathews answered. "I worked at being a forward, being fast and wanting to score."



Leanna Bell



Julia Mathews

The asthma issue had been settled long before her senior year. It hampered her as a young player but shouldn't be a factor in the future.

"It's under control," she said. "...I don't have a problem with it now."

Bell's dyslexia proved more troublesome and it took lots of grit to conquer classroom challenges. She actually lives in Owensboro but transferred to Henderson County High

School as a junior for better academic opportunity. Required to sit out from soccer for one season, she played no high school ball in 2011.

"It was pretty hard (not playing) but I kept busy," Bell remembered. She stayed sharp with an indoor league back in her home town and was ready to go at goalie when the 2012 high school season rolled around.

"She did a real good job," coach DeWitt said. "I just wish I had her for all three years."

What were her best attributes?

"Toughness and the ability to get on the ground," he answered. "She's fearless coming out and attacking forwards. She's not scared of contact."

Bell had other college suitors, such as Brescia University, Tennessee State and Austin Peay. But Campbellsville was the clear winner. "It's a Christian school and I love the campus," Bell said. "The people there are so nice... The coach is awesome (and) he has dyslexia too."

Mathews considered Kentucky Wesleyan, USI, Asbury and Georgetown but it was no contest. She loved Campbellsville for most of the same reasons that Bell did. She also liked the thought of "being with my best friend, Leanna."

About a two-hour drive from Henderson, Campbellsville University belongs to the NAIA and is also a member of the National Christian College Athletic Association.

Four players from each team were suspended for up to six games. Coaches and players gave emotional apologies. The schools talked about whether to skip the rivalry game for a year.

With its top two front-line players suspended, Cincinnati went to a three-guard offense and took off, reaching the NCAA tournament's round of 16. Xavier fell apart and didn't regroup until the closing weeks of the season, also reaching the round of 16. Both teams had to answer questions about the fight's lingering effects the rest of the way.

Xavier and Cincinnati renew rivalry in new format

By Joe Kay
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The city's storied basketball rivalry is back in a very different format.

When Xavier and Cincinnati played last season, their annual crosstown game ended with punches and punishments — four players from each team suspended. The small Catholic school and large public school, separated by only 2½ miles, spent the rest of the season dealing with the black mark on their reputations and one of the city's marquee sporting events.

The overriding question: Should the rivalry end?

It'll be renewed on Wednesday night in a different setting. The game has been moved away from the campuses, bringing fans of both schools together in the stands at a downtown arena.

The mood is different, too. There's been no trash talking between Xavier (7-2) and No. 11 Cincinnati (10-0). Both teams are avoiding talk of the brawl as well, wishing they could move beyond it.

A good, clean game on Wednesday night would go a long way.

"It was a regrettable moment," Xavier coach Chris Mack said. "We lived that a year ago. As an educator, someone who mentors players, the message has been that we need to learn from what happened a year ago. And I think our kids have."

The two schools and basketball fans around the city have learned what it's like when a sporting event gets out of hand.

Xavier was unbeaten and ranked No. 8 when it beat the Bearcats 76-53 on the Musketeers' home court last season. With 9.4 seconds left, words were exchanged, the basketball was flung and fists started flying — the darkest moment in the rivalry's 79-game history.

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Briefs

Broncos gallop into top spot

NEW YORK — A nine-game winning streak has Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos on top of the AP Pro32 NFL power rankings for the first time.

The latest win came on the road, 34-17 at Baltimore, and was impressive enough to lift the Broncos to No. 1 by three points over the San Francisco 49ers.

AFC West champion Denver (11-3) and playoff-bound San Francisco each received six first-place votes Tuesday in balloting by The Associated Press' panel of 12 media members who regularly cover the league. The Broncos out-pointed the 49ers for first, 375-372, in the closest voting of the season.

Red Sox agree to Drew deal

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox moved forward with their strategy of giving free agents short-term contracts by reaching a \$9.5 million, one-year agreement with shortstop Stephen Drew.

Boston also finalized a \$4.25 million, one-year contract with 37-year-old reliever Koji Uehara, a deal agreed to two weeks ago atr the winter meetings.

Drew hit .250 with five homers and 16 RBIs in 39 games for the Oakland Athletics last season after being traded by Arizona on Aug. 20. In 40 games with the Diamondbacks, he hit .193 with two homers and 12 RBIs.

Drew, 29, is the brother of former Boston outfielder J.D. Drew and had been with Arizona for his entire big career until the trade.

Friday Night Lights coach steps down

LUBBOCK, Texas — The coach at the center of the “Friday Night Lights” book and film has left the Odessa Permian sideline for the last time.

Gary Gaines said Tuesday he has resigned from the West Texas football program he helped make famous. The 63-year-old said he doubts he'll coach again but doesn't know yet what's next.

He leaves with a 69-28-1 record in eight years as Permian's head coach. The Panthers went 23-21 in Gaines' second stint in Odessa the past four seasons.

Bears place Bush on injured reserve

LAKEFOREST, ILL. — The Chicago Bears have placed running back Michael Bush on season-ending injured reserve because of a rib injury and signed Kahlil Bell to take his place.

Losing Bush, the former Louisville star, is another blow for the struggling Bears. They've dropped five of six after a 7-1 start and are coming off a loss to Green Bay that clinched the NFC North for the Packers.

Signed to a four-year deal to give the Bears depth in the backfield with Matt Forte, Bush appeared in 13 games and ran for 411 yards and five touchdowns. Bell was waived by Chicago in October.

Montgomery gets into World Golf Hall

LONDON — Colin Montgomery has been elected to the World Golf Hall of Fame by the slimmest of margins.

Montgomery and Ken Schofield, head of the European Tour for nearly 30 years, were announced Tuesday as the latest inductees. They fill out the 2013 class that includes Willie Park Jr., Fred Couples and Ken Venturi.

Montgomery won the European Tour money list a record eight times. He received 51 percent of the vote on the international ballot.

Wire reports

Buckeyes whip Winthrop

■ Jayhawks and Spartans also triumph

Wire reports

Deshaun Thomas scored 21 points — missing nine straight shots at one point and making five in a row at another — to lead No. 7 Ohio State past Winthrop 65-55 on Tuesday night.

It was the last tuneup for the Buckeyes (9-1) before Saturday's rematch with No. 9 Kansas. The Jayhawks beat them twice last year, once at Allen Fieldhouse and then in the Final Four.

Whether Ohio State was looking past Winthrop (4-5) and ahead to Kansas, or whether the Eagles just played well and the Buckeyes did not, the game was in doubt until Thomas got hot.

Lenzelle Smith Jr. added 14 points for the Buckeyes, who have won four in a row, all at home, since a 73-68 defeat at No. 2 Duke on Nov. 28 in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge — a game the Buckeyes led most of the way.

Thomas added nine rebounds and a career-high four assists.

Derrick Henry scored 12 points to lead Winthrop.

■ **Kansas 87, Richmond 59:** Jeff Withey had 17 points and 13 rebounds, Ben McLemore added 14 points and Kansas used another big first-half run to put away Richmond.

Travis Releford and Naadir Tharpe each added 11 points, and Elijah Johnson had seven assists for the Jayhawks (9-1), who will ride an eight-game win streak into Saturday's showdown at No. 7 Ohio State — a rematch of last year's national semifinal won by Kansas.

The Jayhawks used an 18-0 first-half run to bury the Spiders, allowing them to push their home winning streak to 28 games, tied for the sixth-longest in school history.

■ **Michigan St. 64, Bowling Green 53:** Gary Harris and Denzel Valentine scored 12 points apiece to lead Michigan State to a victory over Bowling Green.

Branden Dawson added

10 points for the Spartans (10-2).

Michigan State held Bowling Green (5-5) to just two points over a six-minute stretch in the second half to take control.

The Spartans went on a 14-2 run highlighted by Dawson's dunk after a steal, drawing a big cheer from the many Michigan State fans filling the Bowling Green arena.

■ **Evansville 103, Oakland City 69:** DJ Balentine scored 17 points and Evansville never trailed Tuesday night in defeating Division II Oakland City 103-69.

Ned Cox and Ryan Sawvell scored 16 points apiece for the Purple Aces (7-4).

Lewis Jones added 11 points for Evansville.

eleven players scored for the Aces, who led 48-29 at halftime. They shot 54 percent from the field and outrebounded Oakland City 47-26.

Mitch Stahl led all scorers with 22 points for the Mighty Oaks. Kendall Wittmer made three 3-pointers and finished with 14 points for Oakland City.

■ **VCU 76, Western Ky. 44:** Briante Weber scored 13 points and helped lead a stifling Virginia Commonwealth defense that forced 32 turnovers in a 76-44 rout of Western Kentucky Tuesday night.

The Rams (8-3) won their fifth straight game with suffocating defense against the Hilltoppers (8-4), whose starting backcourt was injured and

Deng and Boozer lead Bulls past Celtics

Luol Deng and Carlos Boozer scored 21 points apiece, Joakim Noah had a triple-double and the Chicago Bulls beat the Boston Celtics 100-89 on Tuesday night.

Noah had 11 points, 13 rebounds and a career high-tying 10 assists for his second career triple-double, and the Bulls evened a 101-95 home loss to Boston on Nov. 12.

Nate Robinson scored 18 points for Chicago and keyed a fourth-quarter surge that put the game out of reach.

Rajon Rondo led the Celtics with 26 points and



Winthrop's Derrick Henry, right, tries to shoot over Ohio State's Lenzelle Smith during the first half of their game on Tuesday night in Columbus, Ohio.

eight assists. Paul Pierce added 16 points.

The Celtics have lost a season-high three straight games, all on the road.

The Bulls improved to 4-2 in the second of back-to-back games this season. Chicago bounced back from an 80-71 loss in Memphis on Monday, putting up their lowest point total in five seasons.

■ **Raptors 113, Cavs 111:** Jose Calderon scored a season-high 23 points, and the Toronto Raptors won on the road for the second time this season by beating the Cleveland Cavaliers 113-99 on Tuesday night.

The Raptors snapped an 11-game skid on the road,

winning away from home for the first time since Nov. 13 when they beat Indiana. Toronto, which is 2-14 on the road, has also won three in a row for the first time this season.

■ **Jazz 92, Nets 90:** Mo Williams scored 19 points, Al Jefferson had 16 points and 11 rebounds, and the Utah Jazz beat the Brooklyn Nets 92-90 Tuesday night despite nearly throwing away the victory.

Utah turned it over on two inbounds passes in the final 31 seconds, the last leading to a Nets steal. They pushed it up and got a potential go-ahead 3-pointer from Gerald Wallace that missed. The

Jazz escaped when Reggie Evans' follow shot was no good as time expired.

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Lady Trojans romp past Crittenden; Trojans fall

Gleaner staff

MARION, Ky. — The Webster County Lady Trojans bolted out to a 42-9 halftime lead and cruised to a 62-13 victory over Crittenden County on Tuesday night.

Darrian McNary led the Lady Trojans (7-1) with 12 points. Kolbi Edens added 11 points and Mariah Herrera scored 8.

The Lady Trojans are back in action on Thursday, facing Apollo in the Madisonville holiday tournament.

WEBSTER 62, CRITTENDEN 13									
Webster Co.: Papineau 5, Edens 11, G. Keeney 3, Townsend 10, Baxter 2, Duncan 2, K. Keeney 2, Herrera 8, McNary 12, Dame 2, Gibson 6.									
Crittenden Co.: McDowell 2, Oliver 3, Nesbitt 3, Evans 2, Moss 3.									
Webster Co.	27	15	14	6	—	62			
Crittenden Co.	7	2	1	3	—	13			

CRITTENDEN BOYS 41 WEBSTER CO. 40

MARION, Ky. — The Rockets hit a free throw with seconds remaining to hand the Trojans a one-point defeat.

J.D. Newton led the Trojans (3-4) with 12 points and Kyle Hayes scored 10.

Ethan Hill led the Rockets with 16 points.

The Trojans play in the Bardstown Bethlehem tournament on Thursday.

CRITTENDEN 41, WEBSTER 40									
Webster Co.: Newton 12, Rowland 2, Hayes 10, McMain 2, Boswell 4, Prow 7, Fritz 3.									
Crittenden Co.: Owen 7, Hill 16, Gilbert 2, Knox 8, Clark 4, Cozart 4.									
Webster Co.	8	15	9	8	—	40			
Crittenden Co.	4	15	14	8	—	41			

LONE OAK 57 UNION GIRLS 49

PADUCAH — Ayla Hendrickson scored a game-high 17 points but the Bravettes fell at Lone Oak.

Dominique Smith added 12 points for the Bravettes. Union County plays Owensboro at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Hopkins Central tournament.

LONE OAK 57, UNION 49									
Union Co.: Campbell 3, Thompson 9, Wright 2, Smith 12, Hendrickson 17, Warrnack 2, Conway 2, Bennett 2.									
Lone Oak: Boyd 16, Smith 8, Lawson 11, Summerlin 6, Snelling 6, Roof 10.									
Union Co.	8	12	10	19	—	49			
Lone Oak	19	12	14	12	—	57			

Chapter Seven is selected as Trotter of Year

The Associated Press

FREEHOLD, N.J. — Chapter Seven has been voted 2012 Trotter of the Year after eight victories in 10 starts.

The 4-year-old trotter won over stablemate Market Share in voting by the U.S. Harness Writers Association. Both horses are owned by Richard Gutnick and trained by Linda Toscano.

Pacer of the Year will be announced Wednesday. Horse of the Year will be announced Thursday.

Chapter Seven received 89 of 146 votes Tuesday and was also voted best older male trotter. Market Share won top 3-year-old trotter honors.

Chapter Seven earned \$1.02 million with eight wins and two runner-up finishes.

Saban and Bama going through their familiar holiday traditions

By John Zenor
Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — It must be December because Alabama is preparing for a national title game and Nick Saban's future is a popular topic.

The second-ranked Crimson Tide started practicing Tuesday for the BCS championship game Jan. 7 against No. 1 Notre Dame with All-America center Barrett Jones on the mend and Saban laughing off rumors about returning to the NFL.

“We’re really, really pleased and happy to be here,” the former Miami

Dolphins coach said Tuesday after the first bowl practice. “We’ve been able to accomplish a lot. But like I’ve talked about before, this is a work in progress all the time. You’ve got to stay focused on the process to try to continue to make the next game the most important game, the next season the most important season, developing the team every year.

“We certainly look forward to those challenges. I’m not sure, regardless of what I say, that anybody believes what I say because I say it all the time. This is what we’re happy doing. This is what we like to do. But nobody really

believes that. So, you know, maybe it doesn't matter. I don't know what I have to say or do, but it's kind of funny to me,” he said.

Saban and Alabama will try to capture their third national title in four years.

The Tide will practice five days before taking a three-day break for Christmas.

Jones won't practice until after the team returns after spraining his left foot in the first quarter of the Southeastern Conference championship game against Georgia, a 32-28 victory that ended with the Bulldogs on Alabama's 5-yard line.

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Manziel is AP Player of the Year

■ Johnny Football adds another major award to Heisman Trophy

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

Johnny Manziel ran for almost 1,700 yards and 30 touchdowns as a dual-threat quarterback his senior year of high school at Kerrville Tivy.

Who would have thought he'd be even more impressive at Texas A&M when pitted against the defenses of the Southeastern Conference?

On Tuesday, Manziel picked up another major award for his spectacular debut season. He was voted The Associated Press Player of the Year. As with the Heisman Trophy and Davey O'Brien Award that Manziel already won, the QB nicknamed Johnny Football is the first freshman to collect the AP award.

Manziel's 31 votes were more than twice that of second place finisher Manti Te'o, Notre Dame's start linebacker. He is the third straight Heisman-winning quarterback to receive the honor, following Robert Griffin III and Cam Newton.

Manziel erased initial doubts about his ability when he ran for 60 yards

and a score in his first game against Florida.

"I knew I could run the ball, I did it a lot in high school," Manziel said in an interview with the AP. "It is just something that you don't get a chance to see in the spring. Quarterbacks aren't live in the spring. You don't get to tackle. You don't get to evade some of the sacks that you would in normal game situations. So I feel like when I was able to avoid getting tackled, it opened some people's eyes a little bit more."

The 6-foot-1 Manziel threw for 3,419 yards and 24 touchdowns and ran for 1,181 yards and 19 more scores to help the Aggies win 10 games for the first time since 1998 — and in their inaugural SEC year, too.

Ryan Tannehill, Manziel's predecessor now with the Dolphins after being drafted eighth overall this season, saw promise from the young quarterback last year when he was redshirted. But even he is surprised at how quickly things came together for Manziel.

"It's pretty wild. I always thought he had that playmaking ability, that something special where



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In this Sept. 8, 2012, file photo, Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel (2) reacts after a touchdown run during a game against Florida in College Station, Texas. Heisman winner Manziel was named the AP Player of the Year on Tuesday.

if somebody came free, he can make something exciting happen," Tannehill said. "I wasn't really sure if, I don't think anyone was sure if he was going to be able to carry that throughout an SEC season, and he's shocked the world and he did it."

After Manziel sat out as a redshirt in 2011, Texas A&M's scheduled season-opener against Louisiana Tech this year was postponed because of Hurricane Isaac. That left him to get his first taste of live defense in almost two years against Florida.

He responded well, helping the Aggies race to a 17-7 lead early using both

his arm and his feet. The Gators shut down Manziel and A&M's offense in the second half and Texas A&M lost 20-17.

But Manziel's performance was enough for Texas A&M's coaching staff to realize that his scrambling ability was going to be a big part of what the Aggies could do this season.

"The first half really showed that I was a little bit more mobile than we had seen throughout the spring," Manziel said. "Me and (then-offensive coordinator) Kliff Kingsbury sat down and really said: 'Hey we can do some things with my feet as well

as throwing the ball.' And it added a little bit of a new dimension."

Manziel knew that the biggest adjustment from playing in high school to college would be the speed of the game. Exactly how quick players in the SEC were was still a jolt to the quarterback.

"The whole first drive I was just seeing how fast they really flew to the ball and I felt like they just moved a whole lot faster," he said of the Florida game. "It was different than what I was used to, different than what I was used to in high school. So it was just having to learn quick and adjust on the fly."

He did just that and started piling up highlight reel material by deftly avoiding would-be tacklers to help the Aggies run off five consecutive wins after that.

His storybook ride hit a roadblock when he threw a season-high three interceptions in a 24-19 loss to LSU. But Manziel used it as a learning experience, taking to heart some advice he received from Kingsbury.

"He just told me to have a plan every time, before every snap," Manziel said. "Make sure you have a plan on what you want to do and where you want to go with the ball."

Same as last year, NFC East is up for grabs

By Rob Maadi
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — There's two weeks left in the NFL season and the NFC East is up for grabs among three teams.

Sound familiar?

It was the same situation last year with the New York Giants, Dallas and Philadelphia fighting it out. Now, RGIII and the Washington Redskins are in the mix while the Eagles try to play spoiler.

That scenario worked out nicely for the Giants in 2011. They won two straight do-or-die regular-season games, three more in the conference playoffs and then beat New England for the second time in five years in the Super Bowl.

Can they do it again?

"These are the circumstances you want to be in," two-time Super Bowl MVP Eli Manning said. "You want to be fighting to make it in the playoffs and that's just football and you understand it's tough to make the playoffs. You've got to work. You've got to win games. You've got to win important games and this is a chance."

The Giants, Redskins and Cowboys each are 8-6 and control their playoff fate. Win and they're in — either as the division champion or a wild card. The Redskins clinch the East if they win out because they hold tiebreaker advantages.

"Every game we go into now we believe we can win and that has to be your mindset," coach Mike Shanahan said. "When you win close games, you expect it."

The Cowboys' division hopes came down to the final game at New York last year. The Giants won 31-14. Dallas could be in the same position this season, playing for first place in Week 17. Only difference is the game is at Washington.

"I think our football team has developed that mental toughness that no matter what's going on during the game, as bad as it may look or whatever, we get to that fourth quarter, we have a shot to win the game," quarterback Tony Romo said after an overtime win against Pittsburgh. "We believe that we can do that. We have had a lot of comeback wins this year."

The Giants were sitting comfortably atop the standings at 6-2, but have lost four of six in the second half. They've been a Jekyll-and-Hyde team over the past month, alternating impressive wins with lackluster losses. A convincing 38-10 romp over Green Bay on Nov. 25 was followed up with a 17-16 loss to the Redskins. The Giants rebounded with a resounding 52-27 rout over New Orleans only to come back with an abysmal effort in a 34-0 loss at Atlanta.

"Unfortunately, we've had bad games in the past," coach Tom Coughlin said.

Titans enjoy the relief of victory

■ No matter the ugliness, they'll take it

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans finally have their first victory in a month. It was an ugly game against the New York Jets that they had no business winning, and that's OK with them.

Yes, winning really is all that matters.

The Titans overcame a blocked field goal, two shanked punts by the player who's been their most reliable and an offense that managed one drive when it mattered most. There were a few highlights in Monday night's ugly 14-10 win: a franchise-record touchdown run from Chris Johnson, and the defense forced five turnovers and had four sacks.

Coach Mike Munchak called the win good for not just all the coaches and players but for everyone associated with the team after a tough stretch the past few weeks.

"So I think last night was just a feeling of relief," Munchak said Tuesday. "Playing hard and not always playing our best or making all the plays that were there, but hanging together for four quarters. It was interesting all the way to the end and win a football game. It's exactly what we needed and helps to build on the next one."

That may be easier said



JOE HOWELL/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tennessee Titans safety Michael Griffin (33) intercepts a pass intended for New York Jets wide receiver Braylon Edwards (17) in the fourth quarter of their NFL game on Monday night in Nashville, Tenn. The Titans won 14-10. At right is Titans cornerback Jason McCourty (30).

than done. Unlike the stumbling Jets, the Titans (5-9) visit Green Bay (10-4) on Sunday. The Packers have clinched the NFC North and want momentum going into the postseason.

Tennessee players had Tuesday off. When they return to practice, coaches will have a few decisions to make.

The staff must decide who starts at center now that Kevin Matthews has a high right ankle sprain that will keep him out the rest of the season, the fifth offensive lineman lost to injury this season and the second center. Rookie Kendall Wright, their leading receiver with 62 catches, thought he cracked a rib and was being evaluated Tuesday.

"We won is all that matters right now," Munchak said. "We need to figure out for the next game how to score more points and build off of that. So you'd rather build off of at least we found a way to win a football game."

The Titans still have plenty to figure out after the win in which the final three plays sum up just how ugly it was.

Johnson ran for 2 yards on third-and-8, getting the ball out to the Tennessee 6. Brett Kern, the punter who had been averaging 42.2 net yards on his punts this season, shanked a punt under pressure that fluttered through the air only 19 yards. That set the Jets up to win the game at the Tennessee 25 with 47 seconds left.

Only Mark Sanchez's inability to corral a low snap in the shotgun that rookie linebacker Zach Brown covered up sealed Tennessee's first win since beating Miami 37-3 on Nov. 11.

"It's been like that all season," Titans safety Michael Griffin said after the game. "It was no different. I'm just glad we were finally able to get things turned around and have the ball finally bounce our way."

Really the only offensive highlights for the Titans came on Johnson's 94-yard TD run in the second quarter, padding his NFL record to six TDs of 80 yards or longer. It was Johnson's third such TD this season, tying him with Barry Sanders in 1997 as the only NFL players to notch three TDS

of 80 yards or longer in a single season.

Jake Locker ran for a 13-yard touchdown on a quarterback sweep left late in the third quarter that provided the winning margin. The other big highlight is Locker did not turn the ball over once after losing nine turnovers combined the previous three games. The Titans are 3-1 this season when not turning the ball over even once.

Tennessee went three-and-out six times and didn't score a single point off the five turnovers despite Jason McCourty's first interception setting them up at their own 48 late in the first half and his second put them at the Jets 46 early in the third.

The Titans also had a season-high both with 14 penalties and 111 yards, which Munchak called part of "growing up."

Kern, who a career-long 71-yarder earlier this season, also had another poor punt that set up the Jets at the Titans 35 for New York's lone touchdown. Kern took to Twitter after the game to apologize.

But a defense that came in 31st giving up 29.9 points per game got a season-high in turnovers, including four interceptions. McCourty doubled what he had this season, while Griffin came in with only one.

The Titans also may get middle linebacker Colin McCarthy back after he missed three games with a concussion, which would be a big boost too.

"We're trending in the right direction," Munchak said.

Jets bench Sanchez, will start McElroy

By Dennis Waszak Jr.
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mark Sanchez is no longer the New York Jets' franchise quarterback.

He might not even be the backup.

Rex Ryan decided to bench Sanchez on Tuesday in favor of Greg McElroy after the fourth-year quarterback had another miserable performance in a 14-10 loss at Tennessee on Monday night that eliminated New York from playoff contention.

"I think it's best for our team, and for this game," Ryan said during a conference call.

So, it'll be McElroy un-

der center for his first NFL start when the Jets (6-8) play the San Diego Chargers at home Sunday. Ryan hasn't decided whether Sanchez or Tim Tebow — listed as the No. 2 quarterback — will be the backup.

While Sanchez blew the second chance Ryan gave him a few weeks ago, Tebow was leapfrogged by a third-stringer, fueling speculation that the team has little confidence in him as a quarterback.

"I have to look at what I think is the best for the team and not necessarily the individual," Ryan said. "I'll say this about Tim and I've always said it: I know he wants to help this team be

successful in the worst way and there's no doubt about that."

Sanchez threw four interceptions Monday night and wasn't able to handle a low snap with the game on the line, ending the Jets' hopes to get back into the postseason.

Things got worse after the game for Sanchez, who received a series of death threats from one disgruntled fan on Twitter. League spokesman Greg Aiello said the NFL's security staff was aware of the man's threats and was working with the Jets to assist on the matter. The team declined comment through a spokesman.

Ryan said after the loss

that he wasn't ready to decide who would start against the Chargers, but told Sanchez he would be making a change at quarterback by going with either McElroy or Tebow.

"He respected my decision," Ryan said. "That's not easy, that's for sure."

After talking to his staff and members of the organization Tuesday, Ryan chose McElroy.

"This is my opinion, and I do believe that it's best for our team that Greg is our quarterback," Ryan insisted. "I'm the guy that's making this decision. Every decision I make is based on what I believe is the best decision for the team."

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TELEVISION

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6 p.m.: Xavier at Cincinnati, ESPN2, Cable 26.
6 p.m.: W. Michigan at Duquesne, NBCSN, Cable 549.
6 p.m.: Cornell at Duke, ESPNu, Cable 514.
6 p.m.: Mount St. Mary's at Indiana, BTN, Cable 39.
7 p.m.: Oregon at UTEP, CBSSN, Cable 531.
8 p.m.: North Carolina at Texas, ESPN2, Cable 26.
8 p.m.: Oakland at West Virginia, ESPNu, Cable 514.
8 p.m.: South Carolina St. at Iowa, BTN, Cable 39.
10 p.m.: Ole Miss at Loyola MMT, ESPNu, Cable 514.

NBA BASKETBALL

6 p.m.: Brooklyn at New York, ESPN, Cable 27.
8:30 p.m.: Milwaukee at Memphis, ESPN, Cable 27.

SPORTSCOPE

BASKETBALL

In middle school action on Tuesday:

North's eighth-grade boys beat Union County 53-51. North was led by Rob Dawson with 18 points, Noah Allen with 13 and Jace Pfingston with 8 points and 8 assists.

North's eighth-grade girls beat Union County 38-18. North was led by Elizabeth Blanford with 12 points, Emma Lander with 10 and Mary Kate Daniel with 9.

North's seventh-grade boys lost to Union County 42-38. North was led by Ja'Bryant Vncent with 10 points and Alex Chumbler and Marvin McGuire with 6 each.

North's seventh-grade girls lost to Union County 33-17. North was led by Brianna Neblett with 6 points and Lauren Cummings with 4.

Hoops Academy, a weekly fundamental league, will begin Feb. 5 and continue through March 26 at Community Baptist Church with grades K-4 meeting at 5 p.m. and grades 5-8 at 6 p.m. Each participant will receive a practice uniform. Pre-registration is is underway through Jan. 25. The cost is \$250 for the first 50 players who sign up and \$300 for late registration. For more information, call J.P. Cummings at 270-860-1544 or Tom Cummings at 270-869-7716.

GOLF

Results of Tuesday's senior scramble at Bent Creek: First (by chip-off), Kenny Tegethoffs, Bob Rowland, Lawrence Reed, Jack Sandefur, -10; second (by chip-off), Don Holland, Tom Murray, Ron Fowler, Kenny Liggett, -10; third, Paul Coy, Henry West, Robert Mays, Leland Leslie, -10. Closest to pin: No. 3, Allen Eyre; No. 5, Kenny Liggett; No. 9, Kenny Tegethoffs. Putt-off winner: Jim Buley.

There will be no senior scramble at Bent Creek on Thursday, Dec. 20. Also, the course will be closed next week (Dec. 24-30) for the Christmas holidays. It will reopen on Monday, Dec. 31.

Bent Creek's Mr. B's two-man scramble will be Saturday. Sign-in is at noon with tee-off time at 12:30 p.m. Pizza, wings and cash will be offered. Players may play 18 holes at the same price. For more information call 827-7774.

Municipal Golf Course will have a blind draw four-man scramble every Sunday beginning at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per player and includes course fees and prizes. Call 831-1263 before noon to sign up.

BASEBALL

The Pennyrile Umpires Association is looking for persons to umpire Second Region high school baseball games for the upcoming season. Interested applicants may contact Matt Bell at matt.bell@webster.kyschools.us or by phone at 270-639-3485 or 270-871-6956 for more information. All umpires must be certified by KHSAA and join the local umpire's association.

ATHLETICS

The Henderson County High School athletic department will auction off a maroon and white Colonel quilt made by Sue Ellen Clements. The quilt will be on display at the home basketball games until Jan. 7 with the highest bidder being announced at halftime of the Jan. 7 game. All proceeds go to the athletic department.

RUNNING

WESTERN KENTUCKY 5K RACE SERIES REINDEER RUN

Saturday, Dec. 15 at Audubon State Park (271 registered, 227 participants, 202 completed course)
Name, age, overall finish, time
Overall Winners

Iszack Whitsell 1 16:09:00
Evelyn Turner 14 15:21:09:00

Age Group Awards - Female

F 15 and Under
1 Chanler Cole 13 21 22:31:00
2 Morgan Carroll 12 55 26:37:00
3 Eily Toon 14 1 20:19:00
4 Emma Troost 9 13 37:46:00

F 16-19

1 Karen Bevers 16 20 28:00:00
2 Bethany Banker 18 11 37:25:00

F 20 - 24

1 Lauren Paras 21 45 25:13:00
2 Amy Hoefling 21 52 26:30:00
3 Celika Peters 22 101 31:05:00
4 Emily Hartz 22 119 33:06:00
5 Laura McNutt 23 156 39:48:00

F 25-29

1 Brande Pedigo 26 32 23:53:00
2 Rebecca Willingham 29 47 25:38:00
3 Laura Burch 27 54 26:02:00
4 Meghan Travis 27 54 26:33:00
5 Elisa Cothron 27 56 26:38:00
6 Elizabeth Mitchell 25 62 27:12:00
7 Paige Taylor 28 64 27:17:00
8 Briana Humphries 20 67 27:51:00
9 Leigh Anne Owens 28 85 29:01:00
10 Aimee Carroll 29 98 30:24:00
11 Julie Toth 28 118 32:46:00
12 Charlotte Hawks 26 126 34:32:00
13 Sarah Jones 28 198 55:31:00

F 30-34

1 Amanda Rust 33 84 28:59:00
2 Cary Hicks 30 91 29:18:00
3 Sherry King 33 107 31:25:00
4 Becky Hagan 31 108 31:26:00
5 Christine McHugh 32 121 33:33:00
6 Katrina Craven 34 130 35:00:00
7 Andrea Hancock 31 134 36:35:00
8 Kara Willis 32 135 36:36:00
9 Jennifer Toth 31 172 46:01:00
10 Summer Bennett 32 176 46:06:00
11 Jessica Jones 32 177 46:09:00

F 35-39

1 Rhonda Sirls 36 42 24:45:00
2 Jeana Townsend 37 66 37:31:00
3 Jennifer Troutman 37 78 28:24:00
4 Adrianna Muster 35 90 29:17:00
5 Stacy Loveless 35 93 29:29:00
6 Patricia Curnel 38 110 31:35:00
7 Patricia Medeiros 37 120 33:25:00
8 Kari Akin 36 141 37:14:00
9 Jennifer Shavey 36 154 39:40:00
10 Jodi Melton 36 173 46:02:00

F 40-44

1 Amy Ferguson 41 26 22:48:00
2 Debbie Konerding 44 61 27:11:00
3 Melony Shembler 41 88 29:11:00
4 Tammy Baird 44 89 29:15:00
5 Michelle Guers 40 99 30:35:00
6 Tammy Williams 41 100 30:58:00
7 Tonia Courtney 43 109 31:28:00
8 Denise Rambo 44 115 32:07:00
9 Melanie Banker 42 129 34:59:00
10 Jimmye Johnson 40 144 37:58:00
11 Danielle Donitgny 40 148 38:49:00

F 45-49

1 Sherry Marchetti 49 24 23:47:00
2 Ann Newcom 48 48 25:40:00
3 Jennifer Genet 48 53 26:32:00

4 John James	46	29	23:21:00
5 James Ward	47	31	23:25:00
6 Mike Marchetti	49	39	24:35:00
7 Carlin Greene	45	58	27:00:00
8 Larry Hall	47	96	30:15:00
9 Lane Loveclae	49	125	33:55:00

M 50-54

1 Charlie Beeler	51	20	22:25:00
2 Brian Craddock	53	25	22:44:00
3 Bobby Brown	52	38	24:25:00
4 Greg LaRue	50	51	26:07:00
5 Rick Larson	53	65	27:21:00
6 James McGar	53	82	28:44:00
7 Darin Nossett	50	122	33:40:00
8 Scott Martin	51	202	56:28:00

M 55-59

1 Mike Howard	59	19	22:13:00
2 Brian Roskoskey	56	23	22:41:00
3 David Federick	56	43	25:09:00
4 Mike Rambo	58	114	32:06:00
5 Bruce Faulkner	59	128	34:53:00
6 Mike McNetrhey	57	150	39:24:00
7 Rick Nellmann	55	160	41:02:00
8 Scott Farmer	60	92	29:23:00

M 60-64

1 Sam McNeill	60	24	22:42:00
2 Richard Farmer	60	92	29:23:00

M 65-69

1 Gerald Sedor	67	69	27:57:00
2 David Osborn	59	113	32:01:00

M 70 & Over

1 Lee Striegel	71	116	32:23:00
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Registered Walkers

Kimberly Turner	47	57	26:45:00
Marcella Gill	54	83	28:54:00
Bobby Gill	57	97	30:22:00
Amy Traub	30	143	37:57:00
Stacy Wright	54	145	38:13:00
Jennifer Preston	37	151	39:29:00
Megan Martis	28	152	39:31:00
Mary McNutt	59	155	39:41:00
Pam Clark	51	157	40:41:00
Mitzi Lisanby	41	158	40:42:00
Susie Lovell	57	161	41:12:00
Cindy Allen	54	162	42:21:00
Julie Scott	53	163	42:23:00
Will Lewko	12	164	42:24:00
William Lewko	43	165	42:45:00
Jonathan Davis	26	167	43:35:00
Kelly Crowell	38	169	45:53:00
Pam Kinney	37	171	45:55:00
Whitney Hutchison	26	174	46:03:00
Chasity Nance	27	175	46:03:93
Roger Newman	50	178	46:24:00
Maggie Hagan	18	180	47:28:00
Sarah Glazebrook	35	181	47:41:00
Bryan Weaver	23	184	47:57:00
Joan Bevers	48	185	48:37:00
Mike Bevers	49	186	48:39:00
Jacob Vaughn	12	189	49:48:00
Rhonda Busby	46	190	50:43:00
Lea Ann Prow	58	192	53:14:00
Reta Fleming	51	193	53:18:00
Rebecca Clark	33	194	55:23:00
Ron McNutt	61	195	53:39:00
Louis Smith	65	196	55:11:00
Billie-Gaile Raney	60	197	55:30:00
Ryan Hicks	23	199	55:46:00
Elaine Stevenson	58	201	56:47:00
Kaitlyn Marlin	10	201	56:27:00
Scott Marlin	51	202	56:28:00

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

FBS BOWL GLANCE

All Times CST
Thursday, Dec. 20
Poinsettia Bowl
At San Diego
San Diego State (9-3) vs. BYU (7-5), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 21
Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
Ball State (9-3) vs. UCF (9-4), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 22
New Orleans Bowl
East Carolina (8-4) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

MAACO Bowl
Las Vegas
Boise State (10-2) vs. Washington (7-5), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
SMU (6-6) vs. Fresno State (9-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 26
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
At Detroit
Central Michigan (6-6) vs. Western Kentucky (7-5), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 27
Military Bowl
At Washington
Bowling Green (8-4) vs. San Jose State (10-2), 2 p.m. (ESPN)

Belk Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
Duke (6-6) vs. Cincinnati (9-3), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Baylor (7-5) vs. UCLA (9-4), 8:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 28
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Louisiana-Monroe (8-4) vs. Ohio (8-4), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Russell Athletic Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Virginia Tech (6-6) vs. Rutgers (9-3), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Meineke Car Care Bowl
At Houston
Minnesota (6-6) vs. Texas Tech (7-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 29
Armed Forces Bowl
At Fort Worth, Texas
Rice (6-6) vs. Air Force (6-6), 10:45 a.m. (ESPN)

Fight Hunger Bowl
At San Francisco
Arizona State (7-5) vs. Navy (8-4), 3 p.m. (ESPN2)

Pinstripe Bowl
At New York
Syracuse (7-5) vs. West Virginia (7-5), 2:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Texas (8-4) vs. Oregon State (9-3), 5:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Michigan State (6-6) vs. TCU (7-5), 9:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 31
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Vanderbilt (8-4) vs. N.C. State (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Georgia Tech (6-7) vs. Southern Cal (7-5), 1 p.m. (CBS)

Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Iowa State (6-6) vs. Tulsa (10-3), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Chick-fil-A Bowl
At Atlanta
LSU (10-2) vs. Clemson (10-2), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-N. England	10	4	0	.714	506	315
N.Y. Jets	6	8	0	.429	255	320
Miami	6	8	0	.429	264	279
Buffalo	5	9	0	.357	306	402
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Houston	12	2	0	.857	394	280
Indianapolis	9	5	0	.643	309	358
Tennessee	5	9	0	.357	285	396
Jacksonville	2	12	0	.143	219	383
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Baltimore	9	5	0	.643	348	307
Cincinnati	8	6	0	.571	355	293
Pittsburgh	7	7	0	.500	302	291
Cleveland	5	9	0	.357	280	310
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Denver	11	3	0	.786	409	274
San Diego	5	9	0	.357	299	312
Oakland	4	10	0	.286	263	402
Kansas City	2	12	0	.143	195	367
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	8	6	0	.571	381	350
Dallas	8	6	0	.571	327	338
N.Y. Giants	8	6	0	.571	373	304
Philadelphia	4	10	0	.286	255	375
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Atlanta	12	2	0	.857	371	259
New Orleans	6	8	0	.429	389	379
Tampa Bay	6	8	0	.429	354	349
Carolina	5	9	0	.357	296	319

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Green Bay	10	4	0	.714	344	292
Minnesota	8	6	0	.571	319	308
Chicago	8	6	0	.571	321	240
Detroit	4	10	0	.286	330	380
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-S.Francisco	10	3	1	.750	357	218
Seattle	9	5	0	.643	350	219
St. Louis	6	7	1	.464	258	315
Arizona	5	9	0	.357	224	302

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Monday

Business

Retailers taking steps to battle latest gift card scam

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It's an unsettling thought, especially at the height of the gift-giving season.

Crooks use a cellphone camera to record serial numbers from gift cards on store racks. They wait a few days, then periodically call a toll-free number to see if any of the cards have been activated.

If they have, the thieves go on a shopping spree online — with your money.

While reports about that type of scam pop up more often this time of year, the head of the Retail Gift Card Association, Rebekka Rea, contends it's more of an urban legend than a major threat.

“Yes, the gift card scam with numbers does occur, but it's extremely minimal,” she said.

Retailers have caught on to the scam and have been taking steps to combat it, she said.

For example, if someone calls to check a balance on a card that hasn't been activated, it can be

a red flag and the retailer may freeze the card.

The chances of being burned by this type of swindle are low, but people can take steps to protect themselves, Rea said.

For the scam to work, the gift card must allow “card not present” purchases, such as transactions online or over the phone.

So that means people who buy gift cards that can only be used in person don't have to worry.

Before buying any gift card,

examine both sides of the package for tampering. And look closely at the card for an exposed PIN, an indication that a thief may have scratched off the coating to steal the number.

Not all cards have PINs, but more companies are moving toward them for added security, Rea said.

Buying a gift card at a store that keeps them behind the register reduces the chances of tampering, but doesn't guarantee protection since a store clerk could be the culprit.

People who receive gift cards should immediately register them with the issuer if that service is available, Rea advises. Buyers should keep their receipts.

Think twice about buying gift cards from a second party, such as Craigslist or an online auction site such as eBay.

Gift cards “actually are very safe and secure but you just need to pay attention,” Rea said. “Check the packaging and buy from a reputable merchant.”

The Market in Review

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Ticker	Ex	Div	Yld	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD
AT&T Inc	NY	1.80	5.2	45	34.34	+11	+13.6	
AbtLab	NY	2.04	3.1	14	65.93	+73	+11.3	
Accuride	NY	...	...	dd	3.36	+07	+2.8	
Agrium g	NY	2.00	2.0	12	98.39	+18	+46.5	
Airgas	NY	1.60	1.7	22	91.81	+203	+17.6	
AlcatelLuc	NY	...	...	*	1.38	+06	+11.5	
Alcoa	NY	.12	1.3	56	8.91	+16	+3.0	
AllinceRes	Nasd	4.34	7.7	9	56.34	+236	+25.5	
AmExp	NY	.80	1.4	13	57.82	+55	+22.6	
AGreet	NY	.60	3.5	21	17.26	...	+38.0	
Ameriprise	NY	1.80	2.8	14	63.52	+103	+28.0	
Apple Inc	Nasd	10.60	2.0	12	53.98	+1507	+31.8	
ArchDanc	NY	.70	2.5	18	28.08	+69	+1.8	
Ashland	NY	.90	1.1	cc	79.16	+126	+38.5	
ATMOS	NY	1.40	3.9	15	36.09	...	+8.2	
BP PLC	NY	1.92	4.6	6	42.02	+31	+1.7	
Belo	NY	.32	4.3	8	7.44	+10	+18.1	
Bemis	NY	1.00	3.0	20	33.12	+24	+10.1	
BigLots	NY	...	...	11	28.89	+119	+23.5	
BrMySq	NY	1.40	4.2	29	33.02	+22	+6.3	
CSX	NY	.56	2.8	11	20.24	+33	+3.9	
Chevron	NY	3.60	3.3	9	110.10	+14	+2.5	
ChrchID	Nasd	.72	1.1	19	64.98	+157	+24.6	
Citigroup	NY	.04	1	12	39.46	+31	+50.0	
CocaCola s	NY	1.02	2.7	20	37.28	+22	+6.6	
ColSprtw	Nasd	.88	1.6	19	53.85	+24	+15.7	
ConAgra	NY	1.00	3.3	21	30.21	+11	+14.4	
CrackerB	Nasd	2.00	3.1	15	64.75	+75	+28.4	
DanaHldg	NY	.20	1.3	11	15.03	+34	+23.7	
Darling	NY	...	...	15	16.99	+07	+27.8	
Dell Inc	Nasd	.32	3.0	7	10.56	+31	+27.8	
DineEquity	NY	...	...	9	63.63	+75	+50.7	
Disney	NY	.75	1.5	16	50.22	+94	+33.6	
DollarTr s	Nasd	...	...	16	40.26	+79	+3.1	
DowChm	NY	1.28	3.9	25	32.79	+97	+14.0	
DuPont	NY	1.72	3.8	14	44.89	+26	+1.9	
Eaton	NY	1.52	2.8	13	53.88	+143	+23.8	
ExxonMbl	NY	2.28	2.5	11	89.56	+69	+5.7	
FamilyDlr	NY	.84	1.3	18	65.73	+37	+14.0	
FifthThird	Nasd	.40	2.7	10	15.08	+42	+18.6	
FordM	NY	.20	1.7	10	11.67	+28	+8.5	
FMCG	NY	1.25	3.7	11	33.99	+35	+7.6	
GenElec	NY	.76	3.5	16	21.19	+24	+21.1	
GlaxoSKn	NY	2.40	5.4	*	44.63	+01	+3.3	

Dividend Footnotes: a - Extra dividends were paid, but are not included. b - Annual rate plus stock. c - Liquidating dividend. d - Amount declared or paid in last 12 months. f - Current annual rate, which was increased by most recent dividend announcement. i - Sum of dividends paid after stock split, no regular rate. j - Sum of dividends paid this year. Most recent dividend was omitted or deferred. k - Declared or paid this year, a cumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m - Current annual rate, which was decreased by most recent dividend announcement. p - Initial dividend, annual rate not known, yield not shown. r - Declared or paid in preceding 12 months plus stock dividend. t - Paid in stock, approximate cash value on ex-distribution date.

COMMODITIES

Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
WHEAT (CBOT)				
5,000 bu minimum—cents per bushel				
Mar 13	809	814.25	801.50	811.25 +3.25
May 13	821.25	826	813.25	823 +2.75
Jul 13	828	832.25	819.50	829 +1.75
Sep 13	842	843.75	833.25	841 +1.25
Dec 13	855	858	844.50	853 -25
Mar 14	864.50	864.50	854.50	862 -1.25
May 14	860.50	860.50	859.25	859.25 -1.25
Est. sales 131,572. Mon's sales 93,005				
Mon's open int. 438,818, -769				

CORN (CBOT)

5,000 bu minimum—cents per bushel				
Mar 13	723.25	725.75	715.25	720 -4
May 13	727	729	719	723.75 -3.75
Jul 13	724.50	726.50	717	721.75 -3.25
Sep 13	643.50	645	639	643.25 ...
Dec 13	622	625	617	623 +1
Mar 14	629.50	632.25	626	631.50
May 14	636.50	637.50	636.50	637.50 +1
Est. sales 243,983. Mon's sales 243,098				
Mon's open int. 1,158,492, -4,805				

SOYBEANS (CBOT)

5,000 bu minimum—cents per bushel				
Jan 13	1496	1501.75	1462.50	1466 -30.25
Mar 13	1487.25	1493.75	1457	1460.50 -27.75
May 13	1465.75	1471.50	1441.50	1444.50 -22.75
Jul 13	1450.50	1455.75	1428.25	1432.50 -19.25
Aug 13	1418.75	1419.75	1393.75	1400.50 -15.25
Sep 13	1356.50	1365.25	1348.75	1352.75 -12.50
Nov 13	1318	1320	1304	1310 -9
Est. sales 525,214. Mon's sales 417,857				
Mon's open int. 617,006, +5,116				

Wheat for March delivery rose 3.25 cents to \$8.1125 a bushel; March corn fell 4 cents to \$7.20 a bushel; March oats fell 8.75 cents to \$3.8050 a bushel; while January soybeans fell 30.25 cents to \$14.66 a bushel.

Beef futures mostly fell, while pork prices rose on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

February live cattle fell 0.55 cent to \$1.3295 a pound; January feeder cattle fell 2.05 cents to \$1.5220 a pound; February lean hogs rose 0.52 cent to 85.27 cents a pound.

COMMODITIES

The price of gold fell Tuesday on expectations that lawmakers are closer to a budget agreement.

Gold for February delivery fell \$27.50 to finish at \$1,670.70 an ounce.

With two weeks left to resolve their differences, President Barack Obama and House Speaker John Boehner made some concessions but held their ground on other issues. That created expectations that the two were making progress toward a compromise.

If the two sides fail to reach an agreement before Jan. 1, tax increases and government spending cuts will take go into effect, an outcome that has been dubbed the “fiscal cliff.” Some economists believe that could push the country into a recession.

A new budget will make it less likely that the Federal Reserve will have to take additional steps to promote the economy. Such Fed measures typically benefit gold, said Dave Meger, a vice president of met-

METALS

	Last	Pvs Day	Pvs Wk
Gold (troy oz)	\$1669.50	\$1697.00	\$1708.20
Silver (troy oz)	\$31.595	\$32.206	\$32.941
Copper (pound)	\$3.6365	\$3.6490	\$3.6710
Aluminum (pound)	\$0.9813	\$0.9672	\$0.9531
Platinum (troy oz)	\$1593.70	\$1608.50	\$1640.00
Palladium (troy oz)	\$692.50	\$697.20	\$695.30
Lead (metric ton)	\$2270.00	\$2293.00	\$2258.00
Zinc, HG (pound)	\$0.9296	\$0.9336	\$0.9277

als trading at Vision Financial Markets. “The closer we get to some type of resolution takes away a bit of that possibility and hence is... less supportive of gold,” he said.

Industrial metals also fell in part because of the drop in gold prices. It also is the time of year when trading is light in metals, Meger said.

In March contracts, silver fell 61.1 cents to end at \$31.669 an ounce, copper fell 1.25 cents to \$3.6535 a pound and palladium dropped \$7.35 to \$690.95 an ounce. January platinum ended down \$14.80 at \$1,593.70 an ounce.

Energy contracts ended higher. Benchmark oil rose 73 cents to finish at \$87.93 a barrel, heating oil gained 4.02 cents to \$2.9965 per gallon, wholesale gasoline rose 3.63 cents to \$2.6909 per gallon and natural gas increased 6 cents at \$3.418 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In other trading, soybean prices fell 2 percent after China and another unspecified country canceled purchases of more than 300,000 metric tons of U.S. beans, analysts said.

Mike Zuzolo, president of Global Commodity Analytics & Consulting LLC, speculated that China placed an order for the beans when they were at a higher price. It canceled that order and likely will buy soybeans at a lower price, he said.

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Staff and wire reports

Briefs

Chrysler eyes Indiana site for new plant

TIPTON, Ind. — Chrysler Group says it is considering a sprawling, unfinished factory in central Indiana for a plant with perhaps 850 workers.

Tipton County officials on Monday approved a property tax abatement request for Chrysler for the factory site along U.S. 31 near the city of Tipton.

Chrysler spokeswoman Jodi Tinson says the company is considering a \$162 million investment in the project. She says Chrysler appreciates the support of Tipton County officials, but that several more steps must be completed before the company can confirm its plans.

The site about 35 miles north of Indianapolis originally had been planned as a 1,400-worker factory that would make transmissions for Chrysler until German auto parts maker Getrag stopped construction in 2008.

Chrysler has thousands of employees at four factories in nearby Kokomo.

Auditors find Indiana revenue tax errors

INDIANAPOLIS — Auditors investigating Indiana's Department of Revenue are saying outdated technology and a work culture that sacrificed accuracy for speed led to \$526 million in tax errors from the state.

Auditors for the international accounting Deloitte also discovered additional errors with 55,000 taxpayer accounts and 2,880 tax refund requests that were never processed. They credited new management at the agency with trying to correct the problems.

Revenue commissioner Mike Alley said Monday he has been working to change the culture since he took over in May.

Deloitte's audit results come roughly a year after Gov. Mitch Daniels disclosed the first major error: the misplacement of \$320 million in corporate tax collections. The found money was used to pad the state's coffers and pay for a year of full-day kindergarten.

Instagram's policy change riles users

NEW YORK — Instagram, the popular photo-sharing service that Facebook bought this year, is the target of a storm of outrage on Twitter and other sites after a change in its user agreement hinted that it might use shared photos in ads.

It's not clear that anything substantive has changed in Instagram's new terms of service, which were posted Monday and go into effect Jan. 13. As is the case before, the service reserves the right to use shared photos in any matter it likes, though the photographers keep “ownership” of the photos.

The updated terms of service say users agree that their photos could be used “in connection with paid or sponsored content.” The current terms say the service can place ads “on, about or in conjunction with your Content.”

Buyer gets more time to purchase factory

CONNERSVILLE, Ind. — Officials of an eastern Indiana city are giving the potential buyer of a large vacant auto parts factory more time to close on the purchase.

The city of Connersville bought the site from Visteon in 2009 while wooing Carbon Motors Corp. and its planned 1,500-worker high-tech police car plant. Those plans have stalled since Carbon's bid for a \$310 million federal loan was rejected in March.

The Connersville Board of Works voted 3-1 on Friday to set a new March 31 closing deadline. Mayor Leonard Urban announced in September the company he wouldn't identify had offered \$4 million for the factory.

The Connersville News-Examiner reports (<http://bit.ly/WiHlMM>) Urban says the buyer is actively negotiating with a potential tenant.

S&P raises Greece's credit rating

ATHENS, Greece — Standard & Poor's ratings agency has raised Greece's credit grade by 6 notches to B-, yanking the debt-heavy country out of default but still keeping its devalued bonds in the junk zone.

The agency said Tuesday that the upgrade reflected its view that the other 16 European Union countries using the euro are determined to keep Greece inside the currency union.

It gave Greece a stable outlook, meaning it will not consider ratings changes in coming months.

S&P recently downgraded Greece to the bottom of its ratings scale after the country announced a debt buyback financed by its European partners. The purchase was successfully completed last week, and will reduce the country's debt by some (euro) 20 billion (\$26.4 billion).

Samsung withdraws European sales ban

LONDON — Samsung Electronics Co. said Tuesday it has withdrawn its requests to have sales of certain Apple products banned in Europe, though it is still pursuing lawsuits over technology licenses.

The two companies are waging a legal battle on multiple fronts and across the world as they jostle for dominance in the more than \$100 billion global smartphone market.

On Monday, a judge in San Francisco rejected Apple Inc.'s demands that Samsung cease selling models which a jury recently found illegally used Apple technology. The ruling allows Samsung to continue selling three of the older-generation smartphones still on U.S. shelves.

In the European case, Samsung said it was withdrawing the injunction requests “in the interest of protecting consumer choice.” It did not specify in what countries it was dropping the requests, but press reports mentioned Germany, France, Britain, Italy and the Netherlands.

Wire reports

Stocks gain on budget deal hopes

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks climbed on Wall Street Tuesday, pushing the Standard and Poor's 500 to its highest level in two months, on optimism that lawmakers are closing in on a budget deal that will stop the U.S. from going over the “fiscal cliff” at the beginning of next year.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 115.57 points to 13,350.96, its biggest one-day gain in almost a month. The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 16.43 points to 1,446.79, its highest close since Oct. 18. The Nasdaq composite rose 43.93 points to 3,054.53.

House Speaker John Boehner told reporters he remains hopeful

that a fiscal cliff compromise can be reached, but says President Barack Obama has yet to offer a balanced deficit-cutting plan. Boehner said Obama's latest offer for \$1.3 trillion in tax increases over the next decade with \$850 billion in spending cuts is not enough. The White House says that President Obama has moved halfway to meet Boehner on a budget deal.

“People are cheering the prospect for some compromise in Washington right now,” said Joe Costigan, director of equity research at Bryn Mawr Trust Co. “At the moment there is some pretty good news and the market is reacting favorably to it, but the deal isn't done yet.”

Stocks slumped after the presidential election Nov. 6 on concern that a divided government would struggle to reach an agreement before Jan. 1, when a series of series of tax increases and government spending cuts are scheduled to take effect if no deal is reached.

Those measures could push the U.S. back into recession. The S&P 500 has since recouped all of those losses.

Some investors say stocks are already pricing in too much optimism. Any deal, while ensuring that the economy avoids the full impact of the “fiscal cliff,” will still involve higher taxes and less government spending.

Advice

Donate to local charities and spread spirit of giving

Dear Readers: I love the holiday season. For me, Christmas is a celebration of possibilities accompanied by an explosion of generosity.

Every year I publish a column devoted to spreading the spirit of giving. My recommendations are subjective and reflect my own interests and passions; additionally, this year I will try to shine a light on some smaller or lesser-known charities recommended by readers.

I encourage readers to contribute according to their own interests and to research prospective charities, as I do, using



charitynavigator.org.

This year, like many readers I'm also "going local." This might mean contributing to a local food bank or after-school arts program. It also should mean committing to being a good neighbor. I'd like to inspire readers to take good care of one another, this season and beyond.

Wrapping lettuce with leaf reduces browning of edges

Dear Heloise: I enjoy your column in The (Monroe, La.) News-Star. Before cutting a wedge from a head of lettuce, I remove one large outer leaf.

Then I place this leaf over the cut surface like a bandage before wrapping it and putting it in the refrigerator.

It greatly reduces the browning of the cut edges.

— Gayle M., Monroe, La.

Dear Heloise: Here is my recipe for easy deviled eggs: Cut peeled, hard-boiled eggs in half. Make a topping of mayonnaise, mustard and any other condiments you would like. Spread this mixture on top of the cut eggs.

You may add olive slices



on top, minced parsley, etc.

— Elaine W., Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Elaine: Deviled eggs are delicious! They are so popular, and this is a clever shortcut, with a fun twist, to making them. Love it!

— Heloise

Dear Heloise: I keep a covered container of crushed soda crackers. It is so quick to put some in a bowl of soup, and it eliminates cracker crumbs. This is especially helpful when you're serving small children.

— L.H., Rapid City, S.D.

Providing food assistance: Feeding America (feedingamerica.org) is a national network of food banks that last year provided food for more than 25 million low-income people, including 9 million children and 3 million seniors.

Providing disaster relief: Hurricane Sandy blew through the New York City area, plunging thousands of people into cold and darkness. During times of national and natural disasters, the American Red Cross (redcross.org) is there, supporting local services and providing food and emergency shelter.

Serving our military: I am honored each year to highlight the work of the Fisher House Foundation (fisherhouse.org), which provides comfortable and pleasant temporary housing to families of wounded soldiers while they receive treatment and rehabilitation at military medical centers.

The mission of the USO (uso.org) hasn't changed much since Betty Grable and Bob Hope performed for troops during WWII, but the organization's outreach is as necessary as it ever was. Service members and their families visit USO centers more than

6.9 million times each year.

Wounded service members returning home have serious needs that extend beyond their medical recovery. Homes for our Troops (homesforourtroops.org) has a simple and vital mission: It builds specially adapted houses for disabled service members so they can live independently in their hometowns.

International: Doctors Without Borders (doctorswithoutborders.org) sends medical teams to war zones that others have fled, providing urgent medical care to victims of conflict.

Horoscope

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY: (Dec. 19). You'll amaze friends and family this year with the new ways in which you present yourself and your work. This will be a slow unfolding. In the next six weeks, you'll work intently on your inner world. Then February brings new connections and practices. You'll cash in on an investment in May. Virgo and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 10, 37 and 12.

ARIES: (March 21-April 19). You may still be experiencing the echoes of a past hurt. But like all reverberations, the signal bounces around, losing impact with each surface it encounters. A faint whisper and then it's gone.

TAURUS: (April 20-May 20). People underestimate the benefit of a pleasant personality. Those who can make you smile just because they seem to be enjoying themselves need a larger role in your life.

GEMINI: (May 21-June 21). What seems cute on a first date might not bring the same warm feeling a few years later. Similarly, what was odd to you many years ago is now such a fixture in your daily life that you'll be surprised if anyone reacts.

CANCER: (June 22-July 22). Do not rush the getting-to-know-you process. Whether in business, friendship or love, it will be important to get into relationships slowly enough to note and react to each piece of learning along the way.

LEO: (July 23-Aug. 22). Someone will add fuel to your fire, probably by making you mad. You'll set a new goal and then knock yourself out to meet and surpass it, regardless of the challenge involved.

VIRGO: (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Similar to how night dreaming can lead to a deeper sleep, daydreaming can lead to a deeper experience of your waking life. You'll realize something you want and start envisioning scenarios to take you there.

LIBRA: (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People are depending on you, which is a big part of what keeps you moving at such a high level of intensity. You become stronger and more trustworthy with every delivered promise.

SCORPIO: (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll soon ponder whether old acquaintances should "be forgot." Today it's lucky to make efforts to ensure they are not. New business and personal contacts come out of your old address book.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). An irresponsible leader is an oxymoron. The one in charge contributes directly to the outcome and will be held accountable. The leader will take the heat of the blame or the warmth of the applause.

CAPRICORN: (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've put a lot out into the world in the past few weeks, and now you may be feeling spread thin. Long overdue dividends arrive in the evening. It will feel wonderful to finally hold what's yours.

AQUARIUS: (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Do what it takes to bring a relationship back into harmonious balance. With your personal life settled, you can get into professional matters with renewed focus.

PISCES: (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't have to have a Mensa-meriting IQ to know people or, more importantly, to know yourself. You'll remain the smartest person in the room as you assess the social dynamic and determine your role.

Remove temptation before it's too late



Dear Dr. Graham: Please pray for me. I'm being tempted to have an affair with a woman I've gotten close to at work. I know it's stupid and I'll probably end up hurting a lot of people (including our families), but I'm still not sure I can resist.

— R.L.

Dear R.L.: I don't think I've ever met a person who went down the road you're thinking of traveling — and was glad afterward that they did so. I can guarantee you won't be the exception.

The Bible says, "Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned?... So is he who sleeps with another man's wife" (Proverbs 6:27,29).

My advice first of all would be to cut yourself off completely from

own marriage. God gave your wife and your family to you; don't turn your back on His good gifts.

Spend time together; listen to each other; be patient with your spouse; express your appreciation for her. Marriages usually don't suddenly collapse; instead, they just drift apart. Make it your goal to restore your marriage — and you can, with God's help.

Most of all, turn your life over to Jesus Christ. Right now, you're fencing Him out (so to speak); break down the fence and let Him in. You'll never regret it.

Write to "My Answer," c/o Billy Graham, P.O. Box 1270, Charlotte, NC 28201; call (877) 2-GRAHAM; or visit www.billygraham.org.

Pain medication, proper breathing will treat rib injuries

Dear Drs. Donohue and Roach: I recently cracked two ribs at home. I had a terrible accident, and there was much pain. The doctor treating me would not wrap my chest, and only gave me pain pills. What is the standard treatment for rib fractures?

— L.B.

Dear L.B.: Rib fractures are not uncommon, and can happen with even a moderate blow to the chest. When a rib fracture is suspected, an X-ray usually is done to confirm the diagnosis, to look for other injuries and to see if the fracture is displaced — meaning, potentially, that



a sharp end of broken rib can do damage to the lung and other tissues inside.

Fortunately, usually this happens only in high-impact injuries.

Unlike other bones, ribs cannot be effectively immobilized, even with the tightest chest wrap.

The ribs move every time you breathe, so heal-

ing can be painfully prolonged. Pain medication is necessary, especially because the body's natural tendency is to "splint" over to one side, causing the affected ribs to move less.

This is dangerous, because the lungs don't inflate as well underneath the area of the fracture, and collapse of part of the lung can lead to infection.

I have seen several cases of serious pneumonia due to rib fractures.

Pain medication and breathing exercises reduce the splinting and the risk of infection.

Dear Drs. Donohue and Roach: More than a year

ago, my wife was diagnosed with CRP. Tell me more about it.

— L.B.

Dear L.B.: CRP, C-reactive protein, is a lab test that indicates there's inflammation somewhere in the body.

It's not a specific test for a specific disease. It's slipped far down in the rankings of important lab tests.

However, a new test called hsCRP, high-sensitivity CRP, is used to detect inflammation that fosters heart attacks.

An elevated hsCRP is a value greater than 3 mg/L. This test has to be inter-

preted in light of other tests and in light of a patient's symptoms.

It can be a deciding factor, for instance, in starting a person on one of the statin drugs, the popular drugs for lowering cholesterol.

Dr. Paul Donohue will be retiring at the end of 2012. Dr. Keith Roach will share the byline during the transition period and assume sole authorship of "To Your Good Health" beginning in January. Readers may write the doctors or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Movie times

SHOWPLACE/HENDERSON

406 Walker Drive

"The Guilt Trip" (PG-13, 110 min.) 4:55, 7:20.

"Monster Inc. 3D" (G, 110 min.) 7:05.

"Monster Inc." (G, 110 min.) 4:30.

"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D" (PG-13, 166 min.) 4, 7:35.

"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" (PG-13, 166 min.) 4:15, 7:50.

"Red Dawn" (PG-13, 114 min.) 5, 7:30.

"Rise of the Guardians" (PG, 97 min.) 4:50.

"Rise of the Guardians 3D" (PG, 97 min.) 7:15.

"The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2" (PG-13, 116 min.) 4:40, 7:25.

"Skyfall" (PG-13, 143 min.) 4:15, 7:30.

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"Flight" (R, 139 min.) 1:20, 4:25, 7:30, 10:35.

"The Guilt Trip" (PG-13, 110 min.) 12:15, 2:35, 4:55, 7:25, 9:45.

"Life of Pi" (PG, 126 min.) 4:15, 10:05.

"Life of Pi 3D" (PG, 126 min.) 1:25, 7:10.

"Lincoln" (PG-13, 150 min.)

12:30, 3:50, 7:05, 10:20.

"Monster Inc. 3D" (G, 110 min.) noon, 1:30, 4:05, 6:30, 9.

"Playing For Keeps" (PG-13, 95 min.) 12:05, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10.

"Red Dawn" (PG-13, 114 min.) 12:25, 2:45, 5, 7:20, 9:40.

"Rise of the Guardians" (PG, 97 min.) noon, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:35.

"Skyfall" (PG-13, 143 min.) 1:15, 4:20, 7:35, 10:50.

"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" (PG-13, 170 min.) 12:15, 2:30, 4, 6:15, 7:45, 10.

"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D" (PG-13, 170 min.) 11:30, 1:45, 3:15, 5:30, 7, 9:15, 10:45.

"Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 2" (PG-13, 116 min.) 12:10, 1:55, 2:55, 4:35, 5:35, 7:15, 8:15, 9:55, 10:55.

"Wreck-It Ralph" (PG, 108 min.) 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30.

SHOWPLACE/SOUTH

950 S. Hebron Ave.

"Paranormal Activity" (R, 95 min.) 5:05, 7:15.

"Looper" (R, 118 min.) 4:55, 7:30.

"Pitch Perfect" (PG-13, 112 min.) 5, 7:30.

"House at the End of the Street" (PG-13, 101 min.) 4:45, 7:10.

"Trouble with the Curve" (PG-13, 111 min.) 4:35, 7.

"Ted" (R, 110 min.) 4:55.

"Brave" (PG, 100 min.) 4:50, 7:05.

"Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted" (PG, 110 min.) 7:25.

SHOWPLACE/EAST

1801 Morgan Center Drive

"The Guilt Trip" (PG-13, 110 min.) 11:40, 2:25, 5, 7:30, 10.

"Monster Inc. 3D" (G, 110 min.) 11:20, 2, 7:05.

"Monster Inc." (G, 110 min.) 4:35, 9:30.

"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D" (PG-13, 166 min) 11:30, 1:30, 3:10, 7, 8:50, 10:40.

"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" (PG-13, 166 min) 10, 12:30, 4:10, 5:10, 8.

"Playing For Keeps" (PG-13, 95 min.) 11:30, 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50.

"The Collection" (R, 81 min.) 11:50, 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10.

"Hitchcock" (PG-13, 98 min.) 11:30, 2:05, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55.

"Life of Pi" (PG, 126 min.) 10:40, 1:30, 4:25, 7:20, 10:20.

"Life of Pi 3D" (PG, 126 min.) 12:30, 3:25, 6:20, 9:20.

"Red Dawn" (PG-13, 114 min.) 11:50, 2:30, 5:05,

7:35, 10:10.

"Rise of the Guardians" (PG, 97 min.) 11:45, 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35.

"Rise of the Guardians 3D" (PG, 97 min.) 10:45, 1:10, 3:40, 6:15, 8:45.

"The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2" (PG-13) 10:30, 1:20, 4:10, 7:9:50.

"Lincoln" (PG-13, 150 min.) 11:55, 3:20, 6:45, 10:05.

"Skyfall" (PG-13, 143 min.) 11:50, 3:10, 6:30, 9:45.

"Flight" (R, 139 min.) 12:30, 3:40, 6:50, 10.

"Wreck-It Ralph" (PG, 108 min.) 11, 1:35, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30.

IMAX THEATRE

"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" (PG-13, 166 min) 10:30, 2:20, 6:15, 10:10.

SHOWPLACE/NORTH

4200 Third Ave.

"The Guilt Trip" (PG-13, 110 min.) 4:55, 7:20.

"Monster Inc. 3D" (G, 110 min.) 7:05.

"Monster Inc." (G, 110 min.) 4:30.

"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D" (PG-13, 166 min) 4, 7:35.

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Happy birthday

- Country singer Little Jimmy Dickens is 92.
- Actress Cicely Tyson is 79.
- Rhythm-and-blues singer-musician Maurice White (Earth, Wind and Fire) is 71.
- South Korean President Lee Myung-bak is 71.
- Actress Elaine Joyce is 69.
- Actor Tim Reid is 68.
- Paleontologist Richard E. Leakey is 68.
- Rock singer Alvin Lee (Ten Years After) is 68.
- Musician John McEuen is 67.
- Singer Janie Fricke is 65.
- Jazz musician Lenny White is 63.

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Solution to 12/18/12

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BEST BETS

**7 p.m. on 25
The Middle**

Everybody's going back to school in this episode, including Frankie (Patricia Heaton), who's determined not to take just any job after being fired from the car dealership. She decides to enroll in tech school to prepare for a real career. It's a new year of high school for Axl (Charlie McDermott), now a senior, and sophomore Sue (Eden Sher), who's mentoring a freshman (Bailey Buntain, "Bunheads"), in "The Second Act."

**7 p.m. on 14
The 2012 Miss Universe Competition**

Andy Cohen and Giuliana Rancic host the 61st annual competition from Las Vegas. Contestants from more than 80 countries will be judged in three categories — swimsuit, evening gown and interview — as they vie for this year's title of Miss Universe.

**7 p.m. on 44
A Home for the Holidays With Rascal Flatts**

The country-music group hosts the newest edition of the annual special, showcasing stories of adoption from foster care. "The X Factor" alum Rachel Crow performs



and also talks about her own experience with the subject. Melissa Etheridge — who is an adoptive parent — Matchbox Twenty and "American Idol" Season 11 winner Phillip Phillips are featured in music segments as well. Additional participants include Jillian Michaels. Wayne Brady and Kevin Frazier.

**7 p.m. on 19
Movie: Noel**

Alan Arkin, Susan Sarandon and Penelope Cruz star in this 2004 holiday drama set in New York. Directed by Chazz Palminteri ("Bullets Over Broadway"), it's the story of several strangers — all of them a little short of seasonal spirit — whose lives intersect with the sort of result you'd expect from a Christmas

movie. Do we dare use the "M" word ... "miracle"? Paul Walker and Marcus Thomas also star.

**7 p.m. on (A)
Movie: White Christmas**

Some purists may sniff that 1942's "Holiday Inn," of which this 1954 musical is a partial remake, is a superior piece of work. The fact remains that this latter vehicle for Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney and Vera-Ellen has become a compulsory part of the yuletide celebration for millions around the world. The classic title tune is just one of several memorable Irving Berlin melodies performed here with style, heart and panache.

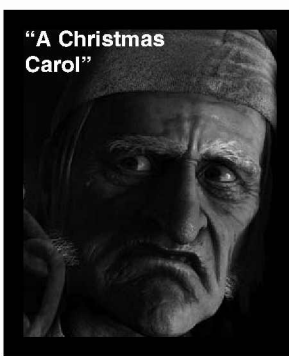
**8 p.m. on 44
Criminal Minds**

Morgan (Shemar Moore) has more than the usual investment in a case in "Foundation," since the BAU's search for a missing youngster prompts memories of his own background. Another boy (guest star Jonathan Castellanos) who apparently escaped from the same abductor is found in an Arizona desert, but his reluctance to talk about his captivity hinders the effort to find the other youth. Hedy Burress

and Garrett M. Brown ("Big Love") also guest star.

**8 p.m. on (F)
Movie: Disney's A Christmas Carol**

One of the most enduring of all holiday stories gets a fresh screen workout from director Robert Zemeckis and Jim Carrey in this inventive 2009 retelling. Carrey expectedly plays miser Ebenezer Scrooge, but thanks to the motion capture technique Zemeckis also used on "The Polar Express," the actor takes on several other characters of the Charles Dickens classic as well. Gary Oldman and Colin Firth also lend their images and voices.

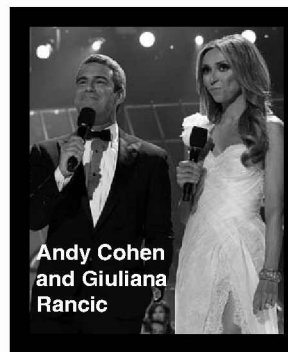


**8 p.m. on (L)
Toddlers & Tiaras**

It's competition time again for young contestants — and we mean "young" — who might not seem old enough to engage in such high-stakes rivalry, as the fifth season of the unscripted child-beauty-pageant series resumes with "Carolina Queens Pageant." That's the name of a contest staged in Columbia, S.C., where a 3-year-old's mother thinks her daughter already qualifies for bigger and better things. A 9-year-old entrant has an ultra-competitive coach.

**8:31 p.m. on 25
The Year With Katie Couric**

As she did last year, the television-news veteran and host of the syndicated weekday show "Katie" presents a special edition of "20/20" that recaps notable stories and personalities of the past 12 months. Among the more recent matters certain to be covered are Hurricane Sandy and the events that led Gen. David Petraeus to resign from his CIA job. Several observers of pop culture join Couric to weigh in on the highs and lows in celebrity escapades of 2012.



**9 p.m. on 14
Chicago Fire**

The holiday is hardly dull for the firefighters in the new episode "Merry Christmas, Etc.," as their response to a kitchen blaze in a swanky home has a surprising outcome. The rescuers are accused of swiping a diamond necklace from the house, leaving Casey, Herrmann and others the targets of an internal investigation.

**9:30 p.m. on 17
The Big Bang Theory**

Geek love! And a "Roseanne" reunion! Leonard (Johnny Galecki) finally decides he's not going to get anywhere with Penny (Kaley Cuoco) and ends up in a compromising position with his co-worker Leslie (Sara Gilbert).

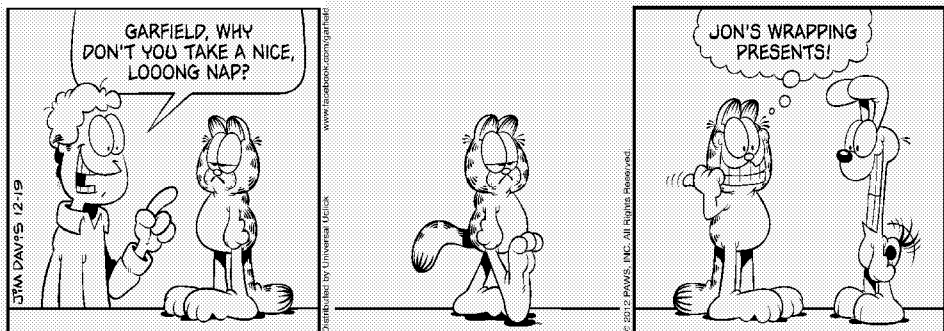
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7:00-8:30	Good Morning America (CC)	Today (CC)	News	CBS This Morning (CC)	Shepherd's Chapel	The Daily Buzz (CC)	Curious Cat in the Super Why! Dinosaur	Curious Cat in the Super Why! Dinosaur	Paid Prog. Paid Prog. Matlock "The Gigolo"	Home Imp. Jim	Movie: "Batman" Cont'd	J. Meyer Paid Prog.	That Girl I Love Lucy	Muffin Top? Paid Prog.	Movie: "The 13th Warrior"	Will & Grace Will & Grace
8:00-9:30			Local 7 News Lifestyles		Paid Prog. K. Copeland					Tim	Movie: "Bringing Down the House" (CC)	Almost, Away	Daniel Boone	CSI: Crime Scene	Movie: "Underworld: Evolution"	Frasier Frasier Frasier
9:00-10:30	Live! Kelly and Michael	Today (CC)	Family Feud Family Feud	The Doctors (CC)	John Hagee Life Today	Better (CC)	Sesame Street	Sesame Street	Matlock "The Umpire"	Browns Payne		Almost, Away	Perry Mason (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Movie: "Push"	Chris Chris Chris
10:00-11:30	The View (CC)	Today (CC)	Steve Harvey (CC)	The Price Is Right (CC)	Divorce Divorce	Cash Cab	Daniel Tiger Sid Science	Daniel Tiger Sid Science	In the Heat of the Night	Prince Prince	Movie: "Duplicity" (CC)	Overhaulin' (CC)	The Rockford Files	CSI: NY "Boo" (CC)		
11:00-12:30	Muffin Top? Paid Prog.	Midday With Mike (CC)	Judge Mathis (CC)	Young & Restless	Judge Alex Judge Alex	Eye for Eye	Barney Clifford-World	Barney Clifford-World	In the Heat of the Night	Amer. Dad Amer. Dad	Movie: "An Unfinished Life" (CC)	FBI: Criminal Pursuit	Hawaii Five-0 (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)		
12:00-1:30	The Chew (CC)	Days of our Lives (CC)	Andy Griffith Bold	Judge B. Bold	Judge B. Bold	Justice	Religion	Religion	Christmas	Raymond		Auction	Gunsmoke "Lavery"	CSI: NY	Movie: "Anger Management"	How I Met How I Met
1:00-2:30	General Hospital (CC)	New You! America	Andy Griffith Paid Prog.	The Talk (CC)	Anderson Live (CC)	People Judge Ross	Garden. T. Smiley	Super Why! Dinosaur	Walker, Texas Ranger	Raymond	Movie: "Waiting to Exhale" (CC)	MythBusters	Bonanza "Amigo"	CSI: NY "Buzzkill" (CC)		
2:00-3:30	The Jeff Probst Show	Jeopardy! America	Judge Judy	Let's Make a Deal (CC)	The Jeremy Kyle Show	Trisha Goddard	Charlie Rose (CC)	Cat in the Curious	Walker, Texas Ranger	Raymond Seinfeld		Amish Mafia (CC)	The Big Valley	CSI: Crime Scene	Movie: "You Don't Mess With the Zohan"	Frasier Frasier Frasier
3:00-4:30	Rachael Ray (CC)	The Dr. Oz Show (CC)	Inside Ed. The Insider	Dr. Phil (CC)	The Steve Wilkos Show	Bill Cunningham	Arthur WordGirl	Arthur WordGirl	Walker, Texas Ranger	Friends	Movie: "Bringing Down the House" (CC)	Amish Mafia (CC)	The Wild, Wild West	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		
4:00-5:30	Eyewitness News First	14 News at 4:00PM	The People's Court (CC)	Ellen DeGeneres Show	Jerry Springer Seinfeld	Seinfeld Electric	Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts	Law Order: CI	Friends		Moonshiners (CC)	Emergency!	Movie: "The Punisher"	Two Men Two Men Two Men	Movie: "Single Santa Seeks Mrs. Claus" (CC)
5:00-6:30	News World News	News NBC News	Judge Judy Judge Judy	Ent CBS News	Mauri (CC)	King King	Martha Business	World News Business	Chris King	King King	Movie: "Honey" (CC)	Moonshiners (CC)	Rifleman Rifleman			
6:00-7:30	News Millionaire	News Wheel	Big Bang News	How I Met Two Men	The Ricki Lake Show	"Til Death" "Til Death"	PBS News-Hour (CC)	PBS News-Hour (CC)	Funnist Home Videos	Seinfeld Seinfeld		Moonshiners (CC)	M*A*S*H M*A*S*H	Movie: "Kick-Ass"	Movie: "The Hurt Locker"	Movie: "A Nanny for Christmas" (CC)
7:00-8:30	The Middle Neighbors	The 2012 Miss Universe Competition (CC)	Simpsons Simpsons	A Home for the Holidays	The X Factor Finale, Part I" (CC)	Movie: "Noel"	Nature (CC)	Nature (CC)	Engagement Family Guy	Family Guy	Movie: "An Unfinished Life" (CC)	Moonshiners (CC)	Remington Steele (CC)			
8:00-9:30	Mod Fam	Katie Couric (CC)	Chicago Fire (CC)	Eyewitness News at 9PM	NUMB3RS "Power" (CC)	Law Order: CI	NOVA (CC) (DVS)	NOVA (CC) (DVS)	WGN News at Nine (CC)	Big Bang Big Bang	Movie: "Holes" (CC)	Amish Mafia (CC)	M.T. Moore D. Van Dyke			
9:00-10:30	News Nightline	News Tonight Show w/J. Leno	Engagement Family Guy	Two Men Late Show w/Letterman	NUMB3RS "Black Swan"	Law Order: CI	Nature (CC)	World News Ky Life	Funnist Home Videos	Conan (CC)		Moonshiners (CC)	Cheers Newhart	Movie: "The Punisher"	Movie: "A Boyfriend for Christmas" (CC)	
10:00-11:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Late Night Amer. Dad	Family Guy Amer. Dad	Late Late Show/Craig	Raymond Raymond	30 Rock 30 Rock	Charlie Rose (CC)	Decisions	Engagement 30 Rock	The Office Conan (CC)	Movie: "Bringing Down the House" "Twins"	Moonshiners (CC)	Perry Mason (CC)			
11:00-12:30	FreeMoney LiveWell	Jimmy Fallon Carson Daly	The Office	TMZ (CC)	Frasier	70s Show 70s Show	Nature (CC)	Charlie Rose (CC)	Scrubs				Kojak Gallery			Movie: "A Nanny for Christmas" (CC)

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7:00-8:30	Mike and Mike in the Morning (CC) Cont'd	SportsCenter (CC)	Charmed (CC)	SpongeBob Dog	Dog	Movie: "Christmas in Boston"	Youthful The Asylum	"Nancy D" Movie: "Girl With a Pearl Earring" (CC)	"It Takes 2"	"The Accidental Spy"	Paid Prog.	The Crocodile Hunter	Moesha	Movie: "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl"	Premier League Review	NBA Basketball: Raptors at Cavaliers
8:00-9:30		SportsCenter (CC)	Supernatural (CC)	Peter Rabbit Dora...	Criminal Minds "3rd Life"		Entourage Comedy	Movie: "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"	Movie: "The Three Musketeers" (CC)	Movie: "The Three Musketeers" (CC)	Paid Prog.	Big Cat	Hates Chris	Movie: "Cars 2" (CC)	College Basketball	Postgame Cavaliers
9:00-10:30	First Take (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	Supernatural (CC)	Dora... Team Umiz.	Criminal Minds "Head Case"	Movie: "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"	Daily Show Colbert Rep	Conchords	Movie: "The Three Musketeers" (CC)	Movie: "The Three Musketeers" (CC)	Movie: "Broadcast News" (CC)	I Shouldn't Be Alive	My Wife Jamie Foxx	Movie: "Cars 2" (CC)		
10:00-11:30	First Take (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	Castle (CC)	Team Umiz. Max & Ruby	CSI: Miami (CC)	Movie: "Three Days"	Scrubs	Namath (CC)	Movie: "Green Lantern" (CC)	Josh Blue: Sticky Change	Movie: "Not-ting Hill" (CC)	Animal Cops Detroit	Jamie Foxx The Parkers	Movie: "Hanging Up" (CC)	Dr. Ho	NBA Basketball: Raptors at Cavaliers
11:00-12:30		SportsCenter (CC)	Castle (CC)	Dora the Explorer	Criminal Minds (CC)	Movie: "The Family Man"	Futurama	Fight Game	Movie: "Green Lantern" (CC)	Movie: "Leaves of Grass" (CC)	Movie: "The Three Musketeers" (CC)	Animal Cops Detroit	The Parkers	Movie: "Hanging Up" (CC)	FreeBullet Wanted	
1:00-2:30	Numbers Best of First Take (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	Castle (CC)	Turtles	Criminal Minds "In Heat"		Movie: "School for Scoundrels" (CC)	Pic Paris	Movie: "The Whole Nine Yards" (CC)	Movie: "The Eagle" (CC)	Movie: "The Three Musketeers" (CC)	Animal Cops Detroit	Jamie Foxx The Parkers	Movie: "The Brothers McMullen" (CC)	Athletics	Cavaliers
2:00-3:30	NFL Films	Football	"Ghosts" (CC)	Odd Parents	The First 48 (CC)		Comedy Futurama	Movie: "Death Becomes Her" (CC)	Movie: "The Eagle" (CC)	Movie: "The Eagle" (CC)	Movie: "The Three Musketeers" (CC)	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Movie: "The Last Fall" (CC)	Movie: "Soul Surfer" (CC)	Nebraska Sports Unlimited	Golf Amer.
3:00-4:30	Numbers Le Batard	NFL Live (CC)	Castle "Little Girl Lost"	Odd Parents	The First 48 (CC)	Movie: "Home Alone"	Futurama	This Is 40	Movie: "The Eagle" (CC)	Movie: "The Eagle" (CC)	Movie: "The Three Musketeers" (CC)	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Movie: "The Last Fall" (CC)	Movie: "Soul Surfer" (CC)	Golf Life '12 XTERRA	World Poker Tour
4:00-5:30	NFL32 (CC)	Around Interruption	Castle (CC)	SpongeBob	The First 48 (CC)		Sunny South Park	"Anacondas: Hunt"	Movie: "The Eagle" (CC)	Movie: "The Eagle" (CC)	Movie: "The Three Musketeers" (CC)	The Haunted (CC)	Monsters Inside Me	Movie: "Rest-less" (CC)	World Poker Tour	UFC Insider
5:00-6:30	SportsNation (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	Castle "Deep in Death"	SpongeBob	The First 48 (CC)	Movie: "The Polar Express"	Colbert Rep	Movie: "The Big Year" (CC)	Movie: "The Eagle" (CC)	Movie: "The Eagle" (CC)	Movie: "The Three Musketeers" (CC)	Monsters Inside Me	BET's Top 10 Live (CC)	Movie: "Cars 2" (CC)	Fight Illini	Pregame
6:00-7:30	College Basketball: Xavier at Cincinnati.	NBA Basketball: Brooklyn Nets at New York Knicks.	Castle "A Deadly Game"	Drake/Josh	Duck D.		Daily Show	Chappelle's Chappelle's	Movie: "The Eagle" (CC)	Movie: "The Eagle" (CC)	Movie: "The Three Musketeers" (CC)	Finding Big-foot: Further	Movie: "We the Party" (CC)	Movie: "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl"	College Basketball: Eastern Illinois at St. Louis.	NBA Basketball: Cavaliers at Boston Celtics.
7:00-8:30	College Basketball: Carolina at Texas.	NBA Basketball: Milwaukee Bucks at Memphis Grizzlies.	Castle "A Deadly Affair"	Full House	Duck D.	Movie: "Disney's A Christmas Carol"	South Park	South Park	Movie: "Con-triband" (CC)	Movie: "The Ring Two" (CC)	Movie: "White Christmas" (CC)	River Monsters	Gator Boys (CC)	Movie: "Soul Surfer" (CC)	The Best of Pride	Football
8:00-9:30	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	CSI: NY "The Deep"	Friends	Shipping	The 700 Club (CC)	Daily Show	Pic Paris	Movie: "The Ring Two" (CC)	Movie: "The Ring Two" (CC)	Movie: "White Christmas" (CC)	Finding Big-foot (CC)	Don't Sleep! T.J. Holmes	Movie: "Soul Surfer" (CC)	Game Time	World Poker
9:00-10:30	NFL Live (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)	Friends	Duck D.	Movie: "Three Days"	Brickberry	Movie: "What's Your Number?" (CC)	Zane's Sex	Movie: "Naughty Reunion" (CC)	Movie: "Ghost&Mr"	Gator Boys (CC)	Wendy Williams Show	"Belly 2: Millionaire"	World Poker Tour	NBA Basketball: Cavaliers at Celtics
10:00-11:30	NBA	SportsCenter (CC)	Cold Case "Devil Music"	George	Duck D.		Colbert Rep							"Sinners"	College Basketball	

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7:00 :30	NCIS (CC)	Doc McSt. Never Land	E! Investigates	Baby Story Baby Story	Haunted Col- lector	Pokemon NinjaGo	Murder, She Wrote (CC)	Kitchen Kitchen	Paid Prog. Paid Prog.	Home & Fam- ily (CC)	Holy Grail in America (CC)	Dirty Paid Prog.	Change J. Meyer	Bill's Food From Spain	Top Chef: Seattle	"Eight" Movie: "Catch and Release" (CC)
8:00 :30	NCIS "Re- union" (CC)	Phineas Gravity Falls	Young, Beautiful & Vanished: Crimes	Baby Story Baby Story	Haunted Col- lector	NinjaGo Johnny Test	D. Van Dyke Van Dyke	Kitchen Kitchen	Paid Prog. Kitchen			Chainsaw Chainsaw	Creflo Doll John Hagee	Luke N Cook's Tour	Real House- wives	
9:00 :30	NCIS "The Inside Man"	A.N.T. Farm Jessie		Pregnant Pregnant	Haunted Col- lector	Gumball Gumball	I Love Lucy I Love Lucy	Love It or List It (CC)	Ingred. Fix Hungry Girl	Home & Fam- ily (CC)	Beyond The Da Vinci Code (CC)	Destroy Destroy	Prince Your Day	Spice God Exotic	Real House- wives	
10:00 :30	NCIS "Code of Conduct"	Shake It Up! Austin	E! Investigates	Say Yes Say Yes	Haunted Col- lector	Scoby Scoby	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Love It or List It (CC)	Good Eats Unwrapped			Hell on the Highway	Believer Alive With	Simply De. Ask Aida	Real House- wives	Movie: "Eight Below" (CC)
11:00 :30	NCIS (CC)	Phineas Phineas	E! News	What Not to Wear (CC)	Haunted Col- lector	Looney Looney	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Hunters Hunters Int'l	Giada's Family Christmas	Marie "Joey Lawrence"	Angels & Demons De- coded (CC)	Alaska State Troopers	Christmas Carol: The	Kelsey's French	Real House- wives	
12:00 :30	NCIS "End- game" (CC)	Phineas Phineas	Sex-City Sex-City	Baby Story Baby Story	Movie: "Super Eruption" (CC)	Tom & Jerry	Gunsmoke "The Lost"	Dime Property	Money Dinners	Marie "Bailee Madison"		Border Wars	Musical J. Meyer	Easy Ent. Dolce	Real House- wives	Movie: "Defi- nitely, Maybe" (CC)
1:00 :30	NCIS "Power Down"	A.N.T. Farm Shake It Up!	Sex-City Sex-City	Cake Boss Cake Boss		Tom & Jerry Scoby-Doo	Gunsmoke "Phoenix"	Buying and Selling (CC)	Secrets 30-Minute	Movie: "Three Wise Women" (CC)	Secret Access: The Vatican (CC)	Taboo "Misfits" Today	Life Today Every/Italian	Every/Italian	Real House- wives	
2:00 :30	NCIS "Child's Play" (CC)	Shake It Up! Shake It Up!	Suits "High Noon" (CC)	What Not to Wear (CC)	Movie: "Mega- fault"	Abominable Christmas	Bonanza "The Witness"	Buying and Selling (CC)	Giada-Home Giada-Home			Border Wars "Traffic"	The 700 Club (CC)	Nigella Boy/Grill	Real House- wives	
3:00 :30	NCIS "Ignition" (CC)	Good Luck Good Luck	LeAnn Rimes	Say Yes Say Yes		Movie: "Hood- winked!"	Bonanza (CC)	Buying and Selling (CC)	Contessa Contessa	Movie: "A Christmas Wedding Tail" (CC)	Banned From the Bible (CC)	Underground Poker	John Hagee Movie: "The Greatest Story Ever Told"	Tyler's Ult. Chuck-Day	Real House- wives	Law Order: CI
4:00 :30	NCIS "Flesh and Blood"	Good Luck Good Luck	Ice-Coco Infamous	Gown Gown	Movie: "NYC: Tornado Ter- ror"		Bonanza (CC)	Buying and Selling (CC)	Best Dishes Cooking			Border Wars	Kelsey's Kitchens	Shahs of Sunset	Law Order: CI	
5:00 :30	NCIS "Mas- querade"	Phineas Good Luck	E! Investigates	Medium Medium		Johnny Test Gumball	M*A*S'H M*A*S'H	Buying and Selling (CC)	Diners Diners	Jingle Hoops & Jingle	Banned From the Bible II (CC)	Hell on the Highway	Eat St. Bobby Flay	Shahs of Sunset	Law Order: CI	
6:00 :30	NCIS "Jack Knife" (CC)	Shake It Up! Austin	E! News	Jersey on Ice (CC)	Ghost Hunters (CC)	Adventure NinjaGo	M*A*S'H Cosby Show	House Hunt- ers Reno	Restaurant: Impossible	Jingle		Border Wars	Unique Eats Unwrapped	Housewives/ Atl.	Law Order: CI	
7:00 :30	NCIS "Juris- diction" (CC)	Dog "Good Luck Charlie, It's Christmas!"	Infamous Hollywood	Cheer Perfec- tion (CC)	Ghost Hunters "Urgent"	Dragons Ben 10	Cosby Show Cosby Show	Property Brothers (CC)	Restaurant: Impossible	Movie: "A Holiday Engagement" (CC)	Restoration Restoration	Border Wars	Behind Turning	Good Eats Grandm.	Real House- wives/Beverly	Law Order: CI
8:00 :30	WWE Tribute to the Troops		Celebrity Oops: They Did	Toddlers & Tiaras (CC)	Ghost Hunters (CC)	King of Hill King of Hill	Raymond Raymond	Buying and Selling (CC)	Restaurant Steakout	Movie: "A Princess for Christmas" (CC)	Restoration Restoration	Border Wars	Prince End of Age	Not My Extra Virgin	Top Chef: Seattle	Law Order: CI
9:00 :30		Good Luck Phineas	The Soup Love You	Cheer Perfec- tion (CC)	Ghost Hunters (CC)	Amer. Dad Amer. Dad	Cleveland Divorced	Hunters Hunters Int'l	Restaurant: Impossible		Invention Invention	Hell on the Highway	Praise The Lord From HLE Christmas With Sandi	Bitchin' Kit. Taverns	Top Chef: Seattle	Law Order: CI
10:00 :30	Movie: "The Condemned" (CC)	Austin Good Luck	Chelsea Lat E! News	Toddlers & Tiaras (CC)	Ghost Hunters (CC)	Family Guy Family Guy	See Dad King	Property Brothers (CC)	Restaurant: Impossible		The Real Story	Border Wars	Holy Land J. Duplantist	Good Eats Grandm.	Top Chef: Seattle	Law Order: CI
11:00 :30		Wizards Wizards	Chelsea Lat	Cheer Perfec- tion (CC)	Ghost Hunters (CC)	Chicken Aqua Teen	King King	Buying and Selling (CC)	Restaurant Steakout	Movie: "Naughty or Nice" (CC)	Restoration Restoration	Hell on the Highway	Holy Land J. Duplantist	Good Eats Grandm.	Top Chef: Seattle	Law Order: CI
12:00 :30		Suite/Deck House (CC)	The Soup Love You	Cheer Perfec- tion (CC)	Movie: "The Lost Tribe"	Squidbilles Amer. Dad	Cleveland Divorced	Hunters Hunters Int'l	Restaurant: Impossible		Restoration	Border Wars	The Christ Creflo Doll	Not My Extra Virgin	Housewives/ Atl.	Law Order: CI

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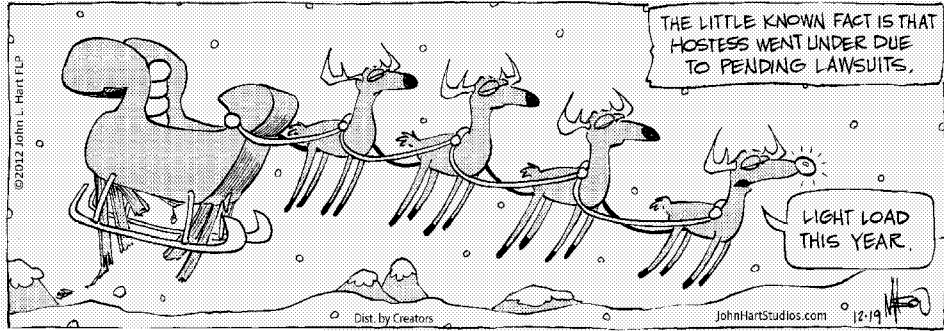
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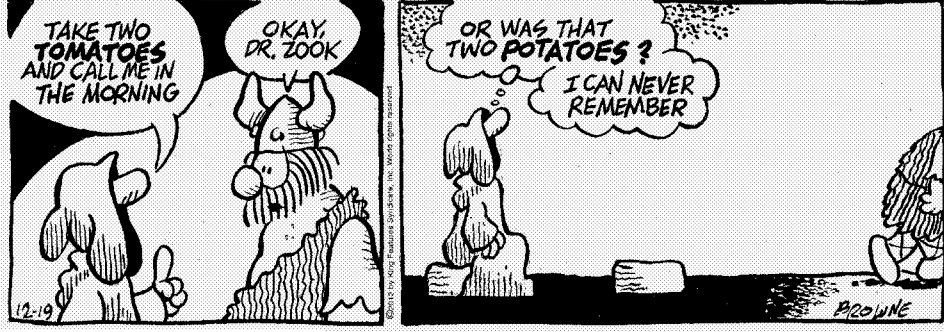
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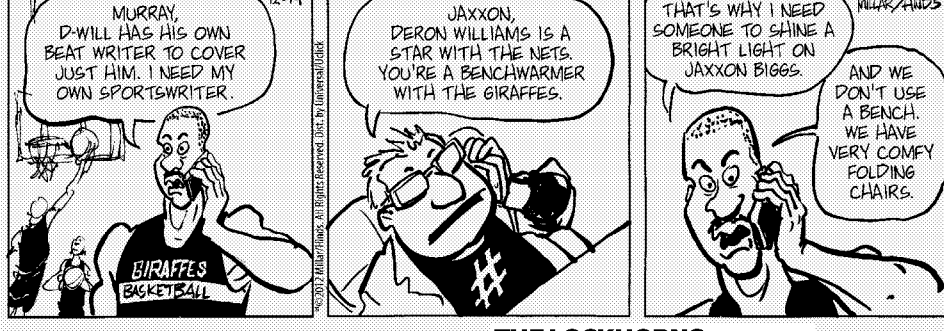
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Today in history

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Today is **Wednesday, Dec. 19**, the 354th day of 2012. There are 12 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On **Dec. 19, 1972**, Apollo 17 splashed down in the Pacific, winding up the Apollo program of manned lunar landings.

On this date:

In **1843**, "A Christmas Carol." by Charles Dickens, was first published in England.

In **1932**, the British Broadcasting Corp. began transmitting overseas with its Empire Service to Australia.

In **1961**, former U.S. Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy Sr., 73, suffered a debilitating stroke while in Palm Beach, Fla.

In **1971**, "A Clockwork Orange," Stanley Kubrick's controversial movie adaptation of the Anthony Burgess novel, had its world premiere in the U.S.

In **1998**, President Bill Clinton was impeached by the Republican-controlled House for perjury and obstruction of justice (he was later acquitted by the Senate).

Ten years ago: After a prosecutor cited new DNA evidence, a judge in New York threw out the convictions of five young men from Harlem in a 1989 attack on a Central Park jogger who'd been raped and left for dead.

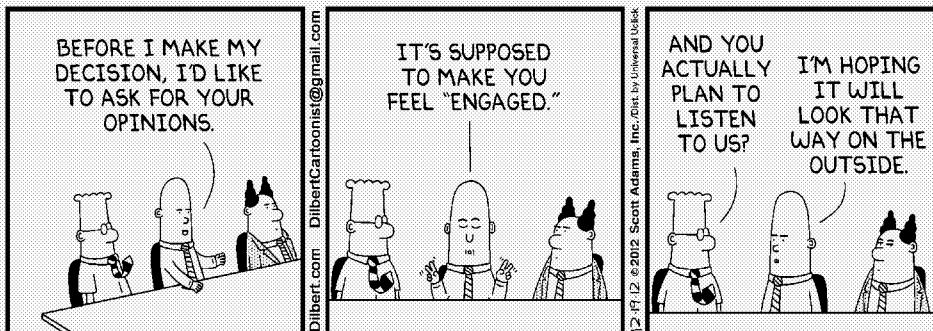
Five years ago: Rescuers found Frederick Dominguez and his three children, who had been lost in the mountains for three days during a snowstorm, alive in a northern California ravine.

One year ago: North Korea announced the death of leader Kim Jong Il, two days after he died

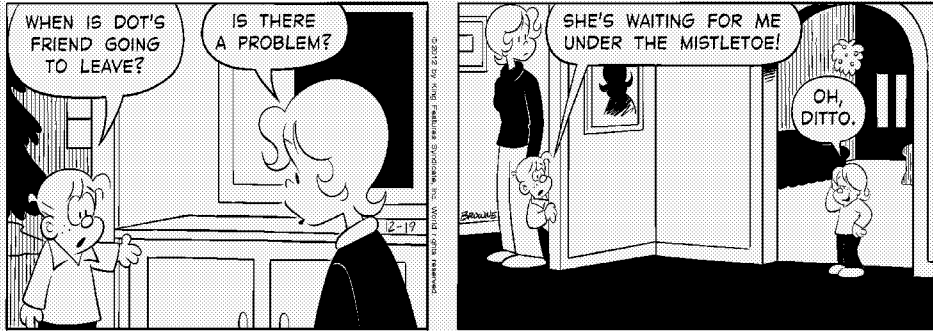
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"Serious-minded people have few ideas. People with ideas are never serious." — **Paul Valery, French poet and critic (1871-1945).**

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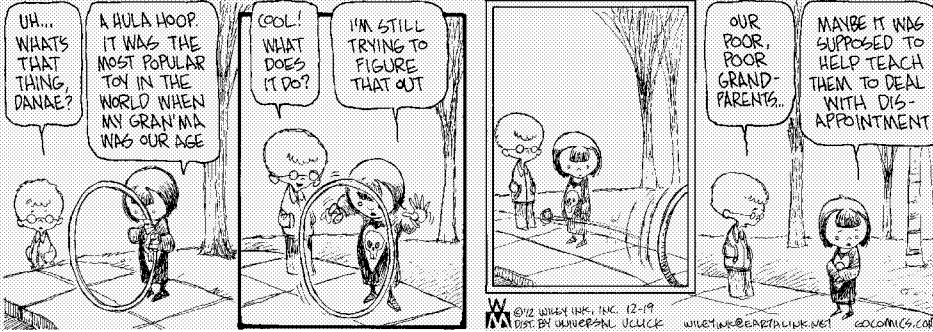
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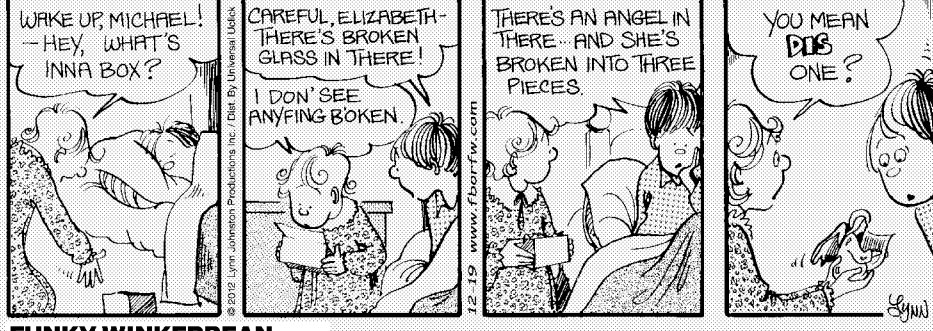
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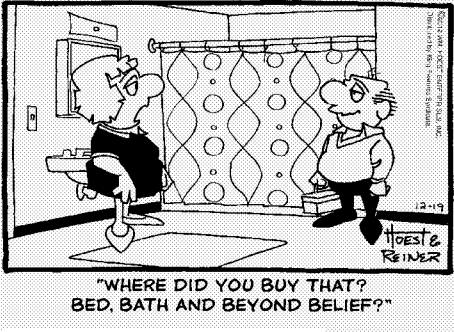
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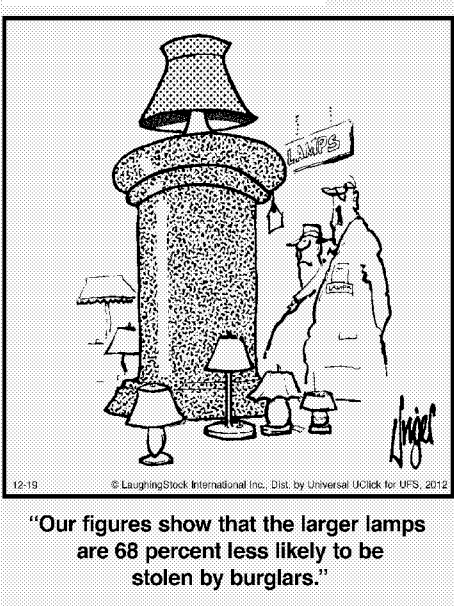
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- 56 "Quo Vadis?" role

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1 Possess
4 Hourglass fill
8 Frizzy hairstyle
12 Witness
13 Bassoon's cousin
14 Applaud
15 Meadow
16 Supreme
18 Longtime talk-show legend
20 Supporting
21 Isinglass
24 Apprehensive feeling
28 Sunshades
32 Unmatched
33 Historic time
34 Sum
36 Tavern
37 Teen's facial woe
39 Archetype
41 Top
43 Take the bus
44 Knightly address
46 Interior design
50 Skydiver's need
55 Hearty brew
56 Oodles
57 Eastern potentate
58 Lemon meringue -
59 "Puttin' on the -"
60 Gorillas
61 Turf

DOWN

1 Scandinavian city
2 Cry
3 Approach
4 One whose reason-
5 "The - Daba Honeymoon"
6 Neither mate
7 Unhearing
8 Oak nuts
9 Winter ailment
10 Operated
11 Make up your mind
17 Extinct bird
19 Doctors' org.
22 Hen pen
23 Sacrifice site
25 Asian desert
26 Metal refuse
27 Expression
28 Carrots' partners, often
29 St. Louis landmark
30 Hindu royal ...
31 ... and what she may wear
35 They counteract chutes
38 Inferior substitute
40 Fourth letter
42 Twitch
45 Actress Perlman
47 Uppercase, for short
48 Hodgepodge
49 Need for 13-Across
50 Standard
51 "The Greatest"
52 Decay
53 Ref
54 Cravat

12-19 CRYPTOQUIP

RY QJY QUKAI IK XYDH Q

GMYJZ HMXIJYXX XMEDQV

MDIK ICY QMJ. ZKA CQWY

UY YD EMWYD GVQJY RQJDMDE!

Yesterday's Cryptquip: IF SOME GUYS FELT EXTREMELY CHATTY WHILE BEING DRIVEN IN A TAXI, WOULD THEY HAVE A CAB-FEST?

Today's Cryptquip Clue: R equals W

Solution time: 21 minutes

Y E R E A W E S G E T
E O N S C O L T U T E
G U A C A M O L E A C E
O N E S R U T H S
A N G R Y L I F E
G O U T S L A L O M E D
O V A R E E S E A G O
G A R M E N T S P L O T
A I N T F L A S H
S I N C E E D D A
A N T G U A Y A Q U I L
I K E E S S E U R S A
L Y E D A Y S E L M S

Yesterday's answer 12/18